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A Message from the Chairman - John N. Diacogiannis

POLICE UPDATE

In the Fall 2017 issue of this newsletter, I brought to your attention that change was pending for the Colonial Regional Police Department and that the resulting uncertainty was disconcerting to many of us. CRPD and its administrative arm, Colonial Regional Police Commission are legal creations of the Townships of Hanover and Lower Nazareth and the Borough of Bath. This partnership has existed since 1995. In July 2017, Bath informed us that they were withdrawing from CRPC effective as of December 31, 2018. While we are all disappointed in this announcement, both townships have been diligently working toward a plan to preserve the Colonial Regional Police Department. We have also been working



with Bath on the possibility of completing their withdrawal from CRPC at a much earlier date than the end of the year. It has been our fervent hope that both Bath's withdrawal could be expedited and that CRPD would continue effectively unchanged.

Meanwhile, both Townships have been 100% behind the officers and staff of CRPD. While we expect a force reduction with the

elimination of service to Bath, we are doing everything that we can to limit that impact and continue to provide the outstanding police services that we have all come to expect.

As I am writing this article, representatives of the three municipalities are exercising a concerted effort to reach a tentative settlement agreement for Bath's withdrawal. I expect that

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A Message from Hanover's Newest Supervisor - Susan A. Lawless, Esq



I am excited to continue my public service to our community as a Hanover Township Supervisor. Since 2008, I have served on the Hanover Township Planning Commission where I served as Vice Chair and Chair. During that time, I had the honor and privilege to serve with and learn from many highly-skilled individuals dedicated to maintaining the highest quality standards that make our Township such a wonderful place to live and work. As the newest member of the Board, I look forward to working with a new set of experienced individuals with whom I will work to continue and further the tradition of fiscal stability and responsive governance that makes our Township livable at all stages of life, attributes which drew me to this community almost 18 years ago. In addition to serving as a Supervisor, I will continue to volunteer as a mentor for LEAP (Linking Employment Activity Pre-Release) for the Northampton County Department of Correction.

I was born and raised in New Jersey and am a graduate of Rutgers University and Seton Hall School of Law. I recently concluded 20 years with a New Jersey based law firm, where I served as that firm's managing partner for several years. I am currently a partner with the law firm of Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC, in its Bethlehem, PA. office. I specialize in civil litigation serving the needs of individual, corporate, small business and insurance carrier clients in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I have been certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a certified civil trial attorney.

I live with my spouse and partner of twenty years, Kassie Hilgert, who is the President and CEO of Artsquest, which though best known for Musikfest, is dedicated to revitalization of the greater Lehigh Valley community through arts and culture. We have two rescue cats.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE *from page 1*

agreement to include Bath's early withdrawal from CRPC effective July 1, 2018. While I cannot reveal the full details of the terms and conditions while it is being negotiated, it will include continuing payments by Bath to CRPC for the remainder of the year. The actual agreement language will be mutually developed by the three solicitors representing each municipality and will require approval votes of all three municipalities and the CRPC at public meetings.

Concurrently, representatives of both Lower Nazareth and Hanover have been working diligently to preserve the Colonial Regional Police Department. I believe that our resolve to continue this mutually beneficial endeavor has been bolstered over the last few months. Accordingly, the township representatives have also reached a tentative understanding to enter into an Amended Articles of Agreement. These Amended Articles are essentially a continuation of the existing Articles of Agreement, except that they reflect the removal of the Borough of Bath. Once the solicitors have finalized the language, these new Amended Articles of Agreement will also require the approval of both townships at public meetings. It is now safe to say that our relationship has strengthened and that the new Agreement reaffirms our commitment to each other and to continuing the respected, professional services of the Colonial Regional Police Department.

A VERY SPECIAL GROUP

Each year, I have been trying to highlight persons or groups that either provide service to our community, present a sense of civic duty or community involvement or just

plain make Hanover Township a great place to live, work and play. In the case of one of these groups, we all enjoy the fruits of their labor but rarely recognize them for all that they do. It's the Hanover Special Events Committee. This committee is composed of citizens who volunteer their services and is coordinated through the Hanover Township Community Center. The committee is very capably led by Rob Cepin and Nichole Hamburg, Recreation Director and Assistant Recreation Director.

The Special Events Committee plans events that help to build a sense of belonging and community pride for all of our residents. As further described on their web page, special events weave the fabric of our community by creating opportunities to interact, celebrate, and enrich people's lives, promote inclusiveness, and stretch imaginations.

These events have included:

Easter Egg Hunt

J.P. Sousa Concert

Hanover Days Community Carnival

National Night Out

Patriots Day / Sept 11th Ceremony

Fall Festival

Tree Lighting Ceremony

If you've been to any of these events, you know and appreciate all the work that goes into planning and executing the events. These events offer something for young and old. They bring us all together a little closer and exemplify our community spirit. Attend any and all events if you can. You will be glad that you did. And while you are there, thank the special people who volunteer for this committee.

If you would like to join the Special Events Committee please call Rob or Nichole at 610-317-8701.



TANCZOS AND ROSENTHAL RECOGNIZED

At their last meeting of 2017 The Board recognized Vice Chairman Mark J. Tanczos for his service to the Township. Supervisor Tanczos decided not to seek reelection this past November. Mr. Tanczos served on the Township's Planning Commission from June 21, 1993; it's Vice Chair 2000-2002 and Chair 2002-2008. In 2008 he was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Frank Colon who passed away unexpectedly and was elected to an additional term.

Additionally, the Board recognized Joan R. Rosenthal for her service to the Township. Mrs. Rosenthal stepped down from the Zoning Hearing Board at the end of the year. Mrs. Rosenthal served on the Hanover Township Planning Commission from October 9, 1979 through October 21, 1984; she served on the Hanover Township Zoning Hearing Board from January 3, 1984 through January 27, 1987 and again May 23, 2000 through December 31, 2017; and was a member of the Board of Supervisors from January 27, 1987 through January 3, 2010.

2018 Budget Message

John J. Finnigan, Jr.

The 2018 Budget adopted at the Board of Supervisor meeting on December 20, 2017 maintains the Tax Rate at 3.90 mills including the Fire Tax of .5 mills for the eleventh consecutive year. To put that in perspective, in 1994 the mill rate was 3.25, from 1995 to 2005 (11 years) it was 4.25 mills and in 2006 and 2007 it was 4.67. Since 2008 the mill rate for general taxes has been 3.40 and a Fire Tax of .50 mills. The fire tax has allowed the Township to purchase five (5) vehicles for the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire totaling \$2,535,228 between 2009 and 2016 without incurring any debt. Even more impressive is the fact that during 2015 the Township paid off the debt on our share of the Colonial Regional Police Headquarters sixteen (16) years early and in 2013 paid off the debt on the Community Center, three (3) years early. The Township is one of the few municipalities in the area, and for that matter in the Commonwealth, that is able to be in that position. The Township remains on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township staff that has helped Hanover Township become and continue as a premier location to live and work in the Lehigh Valley. We continue to cut expenses that allows us to absorb a two point six (2.6) percent increase in medical coverage for Township staff; offset by employee contributions, and a five point nine (5.9) percent increase in the cost of police protection and the continuing decrease in state funding.



During 2018 Hanover Township estimates receiving \$8,636,791 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a .24 decrease of \$20,579 and a similar increase in expenditures for the year. Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to real estate taxes, fire tax, waste & recycling fees, earned income tax, local services taxes, mercantile taxes, real estate transfer taxes, grants, and building & inspection fees. The General Funds expenditures include costs associated with Public Works, Administration, Planning & Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police, Hanover Town-

ship Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Refuse & 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, and wages & benefits.

During 2018 Hanover Township estimates receiving \$850,554 in Recreation revenues, which is a .01 increase over 2017. 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, children's services fees, programs and fundraisers. The 2018 Recreation expenditures include costs associated with salaries, operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment,

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2017 Preliminary Budget Numbers

General Fund

Budgeted Revenue	8,657,369
Preliminary Revenue	8,585,267
+/-	- 72,102

Budgeted Expenses	8,657,369
Preliminary Expenses	7,872,516
+/-	-784,852

Recreation Fund

Budgeted Revenue	839,346
Preliminary Revenue	809,919
+/-	- 29,427

Budgeted Expenses	839,346
Preliminary Expenses	862,198
+/-	+22,852

2018 General Fund and Recreation Budget Summary

General Fund

Restricted Beginning Balance for 2018	3,500,694
Unrestricted Beginning Balance for 2018	7,124,002
Revenues for 2018	8,636,790
Expenditures for 2018	8,636,790
Unappropriated Balance	10,624,696

Recreation

Beginning Balance 2018	19,963
Revenues for 2018	850,553
Expenditures for 2018	850,553
Unappropriated Balance	19,963

Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 2018	4,849,687
Revenues for 2018	1,017,370
Expenditures for 2018	791,892
Unappropriated Balance	5,075,165

REVIEWING AND LOOKING AHEAD

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Here's a trivia question - how many pieces of legislation have been drafted at the halfway point in the General Assembly's 2017-18 session? While you ponder that answer, let's take a look at some of these bills and issues that have made headlines in the calendar year.

From a personal standpoint, two bills I authored were overwhelmingly passed in the House and await a Senate vote. House Bill 17 would specify that a parent or guardian is authorized to provide consent for treatment of their minor child. Surprisingly, this legislation, which you would think would make perfect sense, is facing some resistance in the Senate. Also, my House Bill 1049 would put some much-needed "teeth" into existing law by increasing penalties for operating a vehicle while under suspension as the result of a DUI offense.

The state budget is far from the only thing for which the state Legislature is responsible. It is, however, the most significant package of legislation we take up. The mistake often made is thinking the state's spending plan is made up of one bill. This year, that fact was arguably at the crux of a stalemate that took us past the June 30 constitutional deadline for agreeing to a budget.

While the complete 2017-18 spending plan did not become law until months after the deadline, the delay was for good reason. In the interim, numerous attempts were made to balance the budget by raising taxes through the Tax Code bill. House Republicans stood up for taxpayers by defeating efforts to increase your cell phone, home-heating and electricity bills, as well as a warehouse tax that would have hurt Lehigh Valley businesses.

In the end, the final product increases funding for basic, special and early childhood education, setting a record high \$11.86 billion in funding for PreK-12 education. It also protects our most talented teachers, strengthens agriculture education and creates a model curriculum to address opioid abuse prevention.

Pennsylvania's heroin and opioid problem has reached epidemic proportion. To that end, Gov. Tom



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

Wolf signed into law four pieces of legislation we sent him that address what has now labeled a statewide emergency. The House has also sent the Senate seven additional pieces of legislation dealing with drug and alcohol abuse that we hope will be acted on very soon.

The House has also sent the Senate reform measures that would bring more accountability and transparency to state government and rein in excessive government spending. We also addressed the lack of funding for Unemployment Compensation operations and techno-

logical upgrades that has slowed claim processing. My district office staff can attest to the need for this.

I supported pension reform (Act 1 of 2017) which slows the growth of pension liabilities, shifts risk away from taxpayers and ensures the Commonwealth can meet its future pension obligations. I also voted in favor of legislation that would require state, county and municipal government officials, state employees, judges, teachers and other school district employees to forfeit their government pension and pay appropriate restitution when they plead guilty or no contest to any crime related to their official government position or any felony offense related to their office or employment. The Senate will hopefully soon act on this bill as this abuse and waste of taxpayer dollars must end.

This is obviously a small, legislative snapshot. Meanwhile, the search for the perfect bill continues. Someone will always take issue with a piece of legislation, no matter what topic we tackle in Harrisburg. Just as the majority determines the outcome of a vote, we as legislators continue to craft legislation that reflects the will of the majority of Pennsylvanians, with the continued goal of serving every one of our constituents.

Finally, the answer to my trivia question about the number of pieces of legislation that have been drafted so far is 3,862 – 2,645 in the state House and 1,217 in the state Senate.

Please call my district office at (610) 746-2100 if you have questions about this or any legislative issue.

Hanover Township Community Center



Recreation News

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

HTCC

Hanover Day Community Carnival

Wednesday, May 9: 6 pm-9 pm

\$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Thursday, May 10: 6 pm-9 pm

\$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Friday, May 12: 6 pm-10 pm

Live Music, Penn State Nittany Lion Appearance

Saturday, May 12: 4 pm-10 pm

Live Music, Pony Ride and Petting Zoo

Food * Games * Rides * Clowns * Balloon Artist * Basket Raffle * Live Music * Kicker
Ball * Pony Rides * Petting Zoo

***Basket Raffle includes over \$3000.00 in prizes mixed into 15 plus themed baskets.
Baskets are displayed at the Community Center starting March 1st and end May 13.
Stop by today and buy tickets!**

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Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt

March 10

Pampered Chef Bingo

June 7

Pool Opens

June 9

Camps Start

June 11

Parks Start

June 18

**Registration is open
for Parks, Camps
and Pool Member-
ships, Swim Lessons
and Programs**



Attention Moms!!

FIT 4 MOM Exercise Class

Tuesdays 12:30pm

Free with HTCC membership or 10 classes for \$50.00



Come enjoy a high intensity exercise class in the HTCC gym with your child. Children and their parents will be able to socialize and explore together in a world of fitness and games.

Hanover Starz Cheerleading Registration

Come join us for one of the largest and fastest growing programs at the community center! Girls & Boys ages 4 and up will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading, cheer for a youth sport in spring and fall and compete in 5 or 6 local competitions. This program promotes building

confidence, character, community, and teamwork in every girl. Here at Hanover Township, we build STARZ! For more information, please come to one of the registration dates below to speak with a board member, or email Amy Gold at propjet63@rcn.com

Practices Days & Times: TBD Program runs: July - early December

Registration Dates at HTCC

Wednesday, April 25th from 6 - 8 pm Thursday, April 26th from 6 - 8 pm

Saturday, April 28th from 10 am - 1 pm

Total cost: \$135

1st payment: \$75 in April; 2nd payment: \$60 in July

Please visit us at www.hanoverstarz.com for more information

Lifestyle Programming

Lifestyle programs continue almost all year round. We offer many different opportunities for our 55+ members to meet new people, expand their social circle, and have fun!

Movies, educational classes, cards & games, & socials with live entertainment are offered.

Participating is a great way to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle!

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.** Each month a different local non-profit partner is highlighted!

April 5th: Beth. Special Olympics
May 3rd: The CHEMO Bag
May 17th: Angel 34—Derek's Camp Flip Flop (Childhood Cancer)
June 7th: Pampered Chef Bingo** Instead of regular CASH bingo. Games begin at 7 pm. Benefits HTCC Summer Parks/Recreation programs.

Soup & Salad and a Movie!

Monday, April 16, 2018
Lunch at 12:00 pm & movie at 1:00 pm
"Pursuit of Happyness" (2006 PG-13 1:57)
with Will Smith, Thandie Newton, Jayden Smith. Mbrs: \$4 / Non-mbrs: \$8
Must register by April 12th!

Spring Social

Sponsored by Traditions of Hanover
Wednesday, April 12, 2018 1pm
Appetizers and soda provided
Entertainment by Bethellyn
Members: \$8 Non-member: \$12
Must Register at by April 14th!

Ham Radio in Hanover Township

"Hanover Township was a great place to grow up," said my son to me. He is now grown and has a family of his own, unfortunately, they do not live in the area.

The township offers activities, great parks, wonderful neighborhoods, great commercial areas and more. I was reminded of this as I sat waiting for the Hanover Township Fall 5K to start on November 5, 2017.

I watched as dogs ran in the dog pen, children ran around the open areas and played on the playground equipment and people walked their pets and pushed baby carriages. What a wonderful sight. Hanover Township is truly a piece of twenty-first century Americana!

I was not running in the 5K but I was there to provide a service to the event and for the township. I was part of a group who are not readily noticeable to the casual runner but like the Hanover Township EMS and fire services and fire police, we were there as, "behind the scenes," personnel who provide a service to support the event. I am an amateur radio operator (ham) who uses his hobby to benefit the community. By charter, hams cannot use their hobby for pay. As a result, all community services are provided at no cost to the township. Hams volunteer their time, equipment and communications expertise strictly on a voluntary basis.

I belong to the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club and we provide communications support for community events, like the Hanover Township's Spring and Fall 5K events. You might be surprised to know that there are several hams who live in Hanover Township.

Ham radio is a hobby that anyone can enjoy and despite cell phone and email technology, the ranks of new amateur radio operators increase every year. Thanks to the FCC, hams can communicate locally as well as around the world. This is especially evident when a disaster occurs. We have recently all seen reports of hurricanes devastating Puerto Rico and our Southern states. Power and infrastructure was destroyed and that included cell phone use, especially in Puerto Rico. Immediate communications were established and messages were able to go in and out of effected areas, thanks to ham radio. These messages included welfare and routine messages to family and friends as well as relaying priority and emergency messages.

Ham radio is a wonderful hobby which allows the amateur to contact foreign stations, build his own equipment, take advantage of digital technology, help his community and more. It is this community service that connects the Hanover Township 5K's to amateur radio. For each township 5K, the LVARC spreads ham operators around the course to make sure the safety of the runners is maintained.

Amateur radio does require a license and monthly test sessions are provided to those want to test at the Hanover Elementary School. Thanks to the BASD and Tim Lynch, principal of the school, for allowing us to use the library for our monthly test sessions.

Also, a big thanks to Rob Cepin, Hanover Township Recreation Director, for allowing the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club to provide communications support for township events.

To learn more about amateur radio, you may visit the [LVARC website](http://w3i.org) at w3i.org or ARRL.org or you may contact Mark Miller at AK3M@rcn.com.

Women Move for Health Walking/Running Program and Annual Women's 5K Run/Walk

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.

The Women Move for Health Program meets twice a year at Hanover. In the spring program, we have the honor of hosting the goal event for all the Women Move for Health programs in the area. Last year we hosted 300 women in this amazing event. The best thing about the Women Move for Health Program is the education and satisfaction of supporting each other as each participant improves their abilities.

Spring Program will be meeting on Thursdays; starting on March 22nd 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 Run/Walk

- Saturday, June 2nd @ 9 am

\$20 WMFH participant/early bird registration through 5/27- \$25 5/28 and beyond. Gift to the first 100 women who register.



Year Round Karate Programs

Lower Northeast Karate

At the Hanover Township Community Center

Mondays and Wednesdays

6:00 - 7:15 pm - Youth 7:15 - 8:45 pm - Teen/Adult

5 years old— Adult

Instructor - Sensei Tim Heinsinger

Fees: (new families, 1st month is free!)

	Member	Nonmember
3 Month	\$105	\$165
6 Month	\$190	\$300
1 Year	\$360	\$560



**We are proud to have housed Lower Northeast Karate Club for 20 years!!!
Congratulations to an awesome 20 years at the Center and in South Eastern Pennsylvania!!!**



John Phillip Sousa Concert

Sunday, April 29th

Hanover Township Community Center

Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

Come listen to the patriot sounds of the Liberty Alumni Band and Easton Municipal Band inside the Community Center. Light refreshments provided!



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 (no summer classes).

Fee: \$40member/\$50 non-member paid monthly

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 hide 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.

Date: Saturday - March 10, 2018

(rain or shine)

Price: \$6 per child

Age Divisions:

0 - 2yrs - Hunt starts @ 12pm

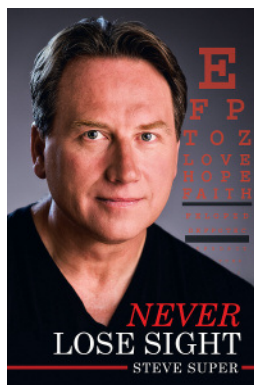
3 - 5yrs - Hunt starts @
12:30pm

6 - 8yrs - Hunt starts @ 1pm

12 - 1pm - Activities with the Easter Bunny
and activity with Wegman's Bethlehem!



Book Signing by Township Resident Steve Super



At the age of twenty-six in 1990, author Steven Super was on his way to fulfilling his dream. He had earned his certified public accountant license and worked for the third-largest accounting firm internationally. He was on his way to earning another degree in taxation, and his goal was to open his own small accounting firm. Soon to be engaged, he had it all planned. By age thirty-two, he would be married, have a family, and become a successful entrepreneur.

But on November 12, Super experienced a sudden and devastating loss of vision, destroying his career and the life he had known. In his book, "Never Lose Sight", he shares his story, a story filled with all the hopes of a young man fighting to get back to the way he was. Super narrates his journey of desperation, determination, rebuilding, and the love a young lady who believed in him.

Delivering a powerful message of how God works in our lives, "Never Lose Sight" encourages those facing challenges to never give up. It inspires others to reach out to God for comfort and healing.

Steve will be signing copies of his book "Never Lose Sight", Friday, May 11 from 7-8 pm during the Hanover Days Fair. Books will be available for purchase that evening.

HOLD THE STORMWATER, PLEASE!

Tips for stormwater management on your property

DID YOU KNOW:

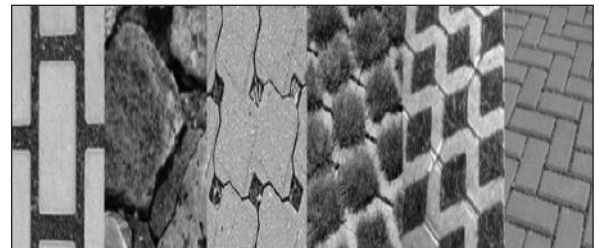
- We depend on rainfall soaking into the ground to recharge our groundwater levels.
- Increased number of impervious (non-porous) surfaces, such as asphalt and rooftops, result in fewer opportunities for rainfall to soak into the ground causing flooding and increased pollution of our streams.
- Low groundwater levels result in critically low or even dry creek beds and diminished drinking water supply during periods of reduced rainfall.



HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD:

Substitute porous surfaces for impervious ones.

Patios, walkways, driveways, and parking areas can be constructed with porous materials that reduce stormwater runoff. One option is special blocks or pavers with voids that can be filled with gravel or planted with grass that allow stormwater to soak into the soil.



Direct stormwater to areas where it can seep into the ground rather than runoff into streams.

Do any of your downspouts direct rooftop runoff down the driveway into the street or directly into a stream? Redirect those downspouts away from the foundation of your home to a grassy area, seepage pit, mulched bed, or rain garden, using a PVC extension or pipe.



Hold stormwater for use or release at a later time.

Use a rain barrel to retain stormwater coming off rooftops for reuse in gardens or on lawns, or to release at a later time long after rain is over and local streamflow is decreased. For best results, direct overflow from your rain barrel to a more porous area such as a rain garden or mulched bed. Rain gardens are simply attractive landscape features which are built to accept excess rainwater and put it back into the ground. They commonly contain beautiful native plants which are beneficial to wildlife. Considerable information about rain gardens may be found on-line.

Plant more trees, shrubs, and mulched beds.

Trees, shrubs, and mulched beds with flowers will intercept and infiltrate rainwater better than mowed lawns. Consider planting one or more large canopy trees, such as maples and oaks. Each large tree will intercept over 1,000 gallons of rainwater each year!

EMS CORNER

by Karen Van Why, EMS Captain

EMS Call Statistics for 2017

Medical Emergencies1,733
Motor Vehicle Accidents 134
Fire Support 199
Total calls for the year2,066



KEEP OUR ELDERLY SAFE

Elderly people are less likely to realize they are very cold. Our bodies change as we age and it can make it harder for you to be aware you are getting cold.

Hypothermia is what happens when your body temperature gets very low. For an older person, a body temperature colder than 95°F can cause many health problems, such as a heart attack, kidney problems, liver damage, or worse.

Being outside in the cold, or even being in a very cold house, can lead to hypothermia. Try to stay away from cold places, and pay attention to how cold it is where you are. You can take steps to lower your chance of getting hypothermia.

Here are some tips to help to keep safe in the cold winter.

KEEP WARM INSIDE

- Heat is suggested to be set at 68°F or higher. To save on heating bills, close off rooms you are not using. Close the vents and shut the doors in these rooms, and keep the basement door closed. Place a rolled towel in front of all doors to keep out drafts.

- Make sure your house isn't losing heat through windows. Keep your blinds and curtains closed. If you have gaps around the windows, try using weather stripping or caulk to keep the cold air out.

- Dress warmly on cold days even if you are staying in the house. Throw a blanket over your legs. Wear socks and slippers.

- When you go to sleep, wear long underwear under your pajamas, and use extra covers. Wear a cap or hat.

- Make sure you eat enough food to keep up your weight. If you don't eat well, you might have less fat under your skin. Body fat helps you to stay warm.

- Ask family or friends to check on you during cold weather. If a power outage leaves you without heat, try to stay with a relative or friend.

WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF HYPOTHERMIA?

Sometimes it is hard to tell if a person has hypothermia. Look for clues. Is the house very cold? Is the person not


dressed for cold weather? Is the person speaking slower than normal and having trouble keeping his or her balance?

Early signs of hypothermia:

- Cold feet and hands
- Puffy or swollen face
- Pale skin
- Shivering (in some cases the person with hypothermia does not shiver)
- Slower than normal speech or slurring words
- Acting sleepy
- Being angry or confused

Later signs of hypothermia:

- Moving slowly, trouble walking, or being clumsy
- Stiff and jerky arm or leg movements
- Slow heartbeat
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Blacking out or losing consciousness

 Call 911 right away if you think someone has warning signs of hypothermia.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our residents for your donations on SANTA day. It was a very cold and snowy day for Santa and his elves. Your generous donations helped to keep us all warm in our hearts. The Fire Company needs your donations to help support our great Company throughout the year. These donations help us to pay the bills we need to pay to keep our Company operational.



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.

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SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX ELIMINATION UPDATE

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

I want to provide constituents of the 40th Senate District with the latest update regarding the school property tax elimination fight in Harrisburg and what to expect in the near future.

Citizens across the Commonwealth voted November 7th to support the expansion of the state's existing Homestead Exclusion program, allowing for up to 100 percent elimination of school property taxes on owner-occupied homes. Passage of the referendum was the first step in providing this critical elimination.

We now need legislation that provides the revenue for residential school property tax elimination.

I have been working since before the referendum vote with Senate leadership and the Independent Fiscal Office to develop a bill that will provide 100 percent elimination of school property taxes on owner-occupied homes through an increase in the state personal income tax (PIT). My bill does not increase the state sales tax.

While I hoped my proposal would be ready mid-December, we are continuing to verify and finalize the rev-



Rep. Mario M. Scavello

enue estimates from an increased state income tax to ensure there are no weaknesses in the bill. We have very few opportunities to "get this right," so we must make sure the bill is sound. In the meantime, I have distributed a co-sponsorship memo to my colleagues to drum up their support for the proposal.

After discussions with Senator Dave Argall, the prime sponsor of The Property Tax Independence Act, I agreed to hold off introduction of the legislation until members of the Senate were polled regarding their support of various elimination proposals.

Because of the limited session days in January, I planned to officially introduce my bill at the end of this month and hold a press conference at the Capitol.

School property tax elimination remains my number one priority and it is my hope that elimination of school property taxes on owner-occupied homes relieves the pain of those on fixed income and moves us toward full elimination proposed under Senate Bill 76, the Property Tax Independence Act.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP — 2018 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 28th: Summer Employment Application Deadline

Saturday, March 10th: Egg Hunt - 12:00 pm

Sunday, April 29th: John Philip Sousa Concert - 2:00 pm

Monday, April 30th: Summer Employment Paperwork Due

Wednesday May 9th through Saturday May 12th:

Hanover Days Community Carnival

(Wed/Thurs: 6-9 pm, Friday 6 pm-10 pm and Saturday 4pm-10 pm)

Tuesday May 15th: Primary Elections

Saturday May 19th: Armed Forces Day

Monday, June 18th: Parks Begin

Tuesday, August 7th: National Night Out - 6-8 pm

Tuesday, September 11th: Patriot Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony - 6:15 pm

Saturday, October 6th: Fall Festival and Children Services 1 Mile Walk
(12 pm-2 pm)

Tuesday, November 6th: Election Day

Friday, November 30th: Tree Lighting Ceremony - 6 pm-8 pm

Water Main Breaks

We have had numerous water main breaks in the Township due to the extreme cold snap. More than likely these will continue as the ground freezes and thaws.

If you begin to notice discolored water, please contact the City of Bethlehem Water Department at 610.865.7074. South of 22 contact Utilities Inc, dba Westgate Water at 1.800.638.0262. In some instances it might take some time for them to locate the leak. It may require the water that is leaking to bubble to the surface.

Once the break is identified and repaired you may continue to have discolored water until the system is flushed by usage.



WINTER ROAD TREATMENT

As of January 17, 2018

There have been comments on Facebook and inquiries to the Township staff concerning the treatment of roads so far this winter. As a Township, we have never salted (treated with salt or a mixture of salt and cinders) every road in the Township. Three winter ago we started to brine some of the roads, again not all of the roads, in anticipation of a storm. We have not brined any roads so far during the 17-18 winter season primarily due to the fact that it would be placing a liquid on an extremely cold/frozen road surface.

The Township procedure is to salt all main roads as identified on development plans, hills & inclines, curves and Stop Signs areas where they intersect main roads. So far this winter season through the close of business on January 16, 2018 we have used 465 +/- tons of salt treating our road system. That compares to 350 tons for the entire 16-17 winter season. We currently have 50 +/- tons on hand with 450 tons ordered and in the queue for delivery. A ton of salt this year costs us \$56. Our storage capacity is 400 tons.

This has been an extraordinary winter so far with extremely low temperatures. We project and order our salt in March for the following winter through the state purchasing cooperative. We are required to purchase a minimum amount (60% of what we ordered) and are capped (140%) at how much we can exceed our purchase and maintain the set price (\$56). Last March we ordered 500 tons based on last year's usage and have already taken delivery of 230 tons plus the 450 tons on order. We budgeted for 700 tons totaling \$42,000. We are required to store our salt under cover per the Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

Should you be interested in reading the Township's adopted Snow Operations Policy, it is available on the Township website at <https://sites-hanover.s3.amazonaws.com/.../Township-Policy-65...> The first sentence sums up the issue succinctly. "There are no annual public works activities that have more uncontrollable factors and that have more impact on our community than winter snow and ice control operations."

If you have any questions, please contact the Township Offices.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

Recently the Hanover Township Lions Club honored Charter members Nick Facchiano and Larry Williams by planting trees in their memories at the Hanover Township Community Center Lions Pavilion.

Photo taken at the memorial service for Larry Williams who served as the club's first president.



(l-r) Paul Moatz, Paul Scheltzu, John McGaughey, Williard Kulp and Paul Tanzosh.

EAGLE SCOUT SAMUEL DORSEN BOOR

Samuel Dorsen Boor, a member of Boy Scout Troop 302, First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem, has earned the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. He served as a Librarian and Patrol Leader for his troop.

For his Eagle Project, he designed and built an enclosure in St. John's Lutheran Church in Fullerton multi-purpose room for storage of tables, chair and other items.

Samuel is currently a senior at Liberty High School where he is a member of the Yearbook Committee and the Strategy Club. He resides in Hanover Township with his parents, David & Alison Boor. His brother Christian is also an Eagle Scout.



THIS DOESN'T WORK



In anticipation of the Snow Storm on January 16-17th the Township did not declare a Snow Emergency. We did however send an email on the 16th with the following request, "Hanover Township will not be issuing a Snow Emergency but we ask your cooperation by removing all vehicles from the roadways as the storm intensifies later today into the evening and overnight hours. By removing vehicles from roadways it makes it easier to conduct snow operations. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation."

While most people cooperated the picture to the left is an example where we not only did not receive cooperation, but two vehicles were parked almost directly across from each other. This makes it extremely difficult for our plows to maneuver through the streets.

Additionally, both these vehicles are in a very precarious situation should a plow be pulled by the snow in either direction on the plow blade.

We do appreciate those that cooperated.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY: Space heaters and portable generators From PPL Electric Utilities

After hurricanes several years ago, many homeowners invested in portable generators.

They come in handy, but they have to be used safely for both the occupants of the home and for PPL Electric Utilities line workers. Here's why.

Generators need to be operated away from homes and away from spaces where deadly carbon monoxide fumes can enter your residence. Never operate your generator in a garage or other enclosed space.

For PPL worker safety, be sure you operate your generator in a way that prevents electricity produced by the generator from going back into the power line that feeds your home. This is called back feed and occurs when an improperly connected generator begins feeding electricity "back" through the power lines. This can seriously injure anyone near lines, especially crews working to restore power.

Have a qualified electrician install a transfer switch.



The transfer switch breaks the path of electricity between the power lines and your main electrical panel. This is the best way to protect you, your neighbors and repair crews from back feed. Space heaters can help take the chill off, but be sure to use them the right way to help prevent the risk of fire or electrical shock.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International advises you to plug your space heater directly into a wall outlet and not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater. Of course, you should also remember to place the heater on a level flat surface and at least three feet away from furniture or curtains or anything else that can burn.

Both www.esfi.org and www.pplelectric.com/safety are great resources for safety information. At PPL, safety always comes first. Make it a priority where you are, too.



Armed Forces Day

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 19, 2018. 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.

2018 TAXES PROPERTIES IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

<u>Taxing Entity</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Mill Rate</u>	<u>Tax Bill</u>
Bethlehem Area School District	\$50,000	54.55	\$2,727.50
County of Northampton	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$100,000	54.55	\$5,455.00
County of Northampton	\$100,000	11.8	\$1,180.00
Township of Hanover	\$100,000	3.9	\$390.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$150,000	54.55	\$8,182.50
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

Sometimes it is important to put into perspective the value received for the amount of taxes you pay to each of the taxing authorities. As the chart above reflects the mil rate for the BASD is 54.55, Northampton County 11.8 and the Township 3.9. Consider all the services you receive from the Township for just \$390 if your home is assessed for \$100,000.

Care for your Fire Hydrant

by Fire Chief Craig Wasem



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

Maintaining a clear path to and from the fire hydrant is not only necessary when it snows, but all year round. Trees, overgrown shrubs, and vehicles can all block the fire companies' access to the hydrant.

Following all these tips can make the fire companies' job marginally easier, and allowing our focus to be on rescuing occupants and extinguishing the fire. Additionally if you notice any damage to the fire hydrant, contact Bethlehem Water Authority at 610.865.7070 and report the hydrants location.



Hanover School News

by Shannon Park

Can you believe the school year is more than half way done? Time sure does fly, especially when you are kept busy!

Right before the Winter Break, a handful of students participated in the Reflections competition. Students created original artwork (ranging from painting to musical composition) that was showcased. We are so proud of all the students, especially those that moved on to the Regional competition. At press time, we are still awaiting word on those results. Parents also met with teachers during scheduled conferences. Fifth graders were introduced to Student-led Conferences where they took the lead. It was a great experience in preparation for Middle School!

December was the Time of Giving in our school! Students had the opportunity to select gifts for those that mean a lot to them during Secret Shop. We were graced with so many volunteers that each student had an "elf" to help. The students collected new pajamas that were distributed to children in need during the PJ Drive. Many also selected a child's name from our Giving Tree. The students then shopped for that child with a few hints of his/her interests. The office was overflowing with gifts. It truly brought a tear to our eye! We wrapped up the calendar year with the annual School Sing Along and classroom parties.

In January, we were right back at it! Fifth grade parents met with Mr. Mayes from Nitschmann to start the transition into Middle School. The Hanover Singers sang at the Phantoms games. The PTA sponsored a Dine & Donate at PJ Whelihan's. The students had a fun night at Chuck E Cheese.

So much more is planned for the rest of the school year! There are a lot of fun events planned for the students before PSSA testing starts in April. We would love to share two of our most popular events with you! Please mark your calendar for Friday, May 25th. It is our annual Spring Festival. In addition to a ton of activities and games for the kids, there is a phenomenal Raffle Table! You will be hard pressed to find a better one! We also kick off the Veggie Sale in conjunction with the City of Bethlehem. It will again be a wonderful opportunity to purchase farm fresh fruits and vegetables direct from the growers. Each order comes with recipes to help you discover new ways to prepare and enjoy the items of the month.

All of us at Hanover Elementary wish you a happy and healthy New Year! For information on any of the above, please contact me at shannon1016@gmail.com.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD



DANIEL J. ROMAN

December 28, 2017

Dan Roman served the Township on the Shade Tree Commission for over 25 years. He was a Master Gardener and was the go-to person with any tree issue. Dan helped countless township residents with their street tree decisions and was instrumental in planting almost every tree in our parks. He will be missed greatly by his fellow volunteers on the Shade Tree Board, as well as his friends and neighbors. A tree will be planted in his memory in the Municipal Park.

ARBOR DAY — April 27, 2018

Arbor Day is a good time to plant a tree. Trees are a big asset to a healthy environment: cleaning the air, preventing water runoff, and providing shade. How a tree is planted is very important for its health and survival.

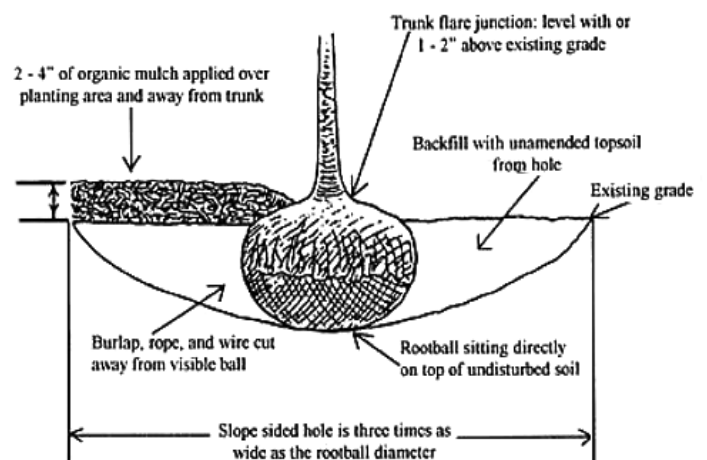


Diagram illustrating proper planting procedure for a tree or shrub.

FYI

2018 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills



Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2018 calendar year were mailed in late January to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the end of January please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 231 for Jodi. Our office will accept pay-

ments 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.

Parking during Snow Storms

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

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

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

Mailboxes

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



Trees

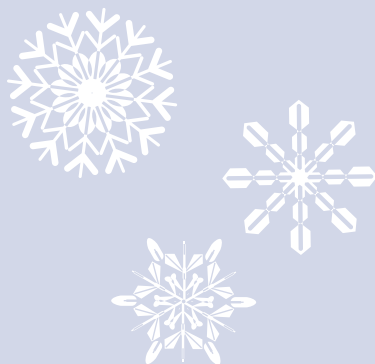
Please note that the Township when time permits trim's trees overhanging the roadway, to provide proper clearance for vehicles. If you do not want your trees trimmed by the Township please have your trees trimmed regularly.

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

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

2018 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 only.



SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

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

Asa Packer News*By Jacqui Fortsch*

It may be cold outside, but things are really heating up in the halls of Asa Packer! Pride in our school, self, and community was apparent in the many adventures involving our students, staff, and families during the first half of the year.

In October, we had the fortune of hosting Tom Watson, author of the popular Stick Dog and Stick Cat book series. He showed the students how to draw his characters, signed their books and drawings, and even asked them for suggestions for his future books. What a wonderful opportunity to get up-close-and-personal with a real-life author!

Learning opportunities aren't limited to the classroom at Asa Packer. Fourth graders took a field trip to the Freemansburg Canal, where they learned what life was like almost 200 years ago. They got to draw and harness mules, and make (and eat!) sauerkraut. Fourth and fifth graders also visited Harrisburg, where they toured the State Museum and the Pennsylvania Capitol Building. They learned so much about our state and its government branches.

In support of our designation as a "No Place for Hate" school, Asa Packer held a "Mix it Up" during lunch on October 31st. Students were randomly assigned seats and discussion topics so they could get to know someone new. Our Guidance Counselor continually visited all the classes, and focused on lessons about bullying, standing up for friends, and compassion, using various books and videos to support this important message. Other projects are

planned as we strive for our sixth consecutive year as a "No Place for Hate" school.

Community spirit and pride were in high gear during the first half of this school year! In early October, American Education Week allowed parents and other family members to actively participate in a 'day in the life' of their little learner. The students were excited to share their experiences in math, reading and their specialist classes with their families. Asa Packer was glad to observe this almost 100 year old tradition to help our community see and support the wonderful things happening in our public schools. During the Halloween Parade, students dressed in their costumes paraded around the neighborhood surrounding the school. Students and staff celebrated Veterans Day by inviting family members to speak about their experiences in the military, and holding an assembly to honor veterans in our school community. Finally, the Girls on the Run Club trained for and competed in a 5k hosted by DeSales University.

If you haven't seen it yet, check out the "Eye on Elementary: Asa Packer" video (available on the Asa Packer website) produced by the BASD Media department. It highlights many of the great things happening at our school! And as always, keep up to date on school events by visiting our website or following us on Twitter (@AsaPackerBASD).

**2018 BUDGET MESSAGE** *continued from page 3*

pool and park maintenance and training, fundraising costs and services.

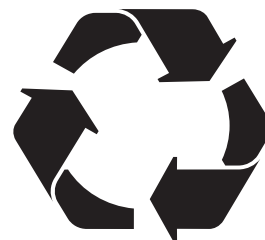
During 2018 road resurfacing will be completed on two roads: Southland Drive and Macada Road.

I would also like to thank the Treasurer, Secretary, Public Works and Recreation Director who worked tirelessly as we visited and revisited revenues and expenses. Together we prepared the most comprehensive and detailed budget possible, providing the services required and demanded by our residents and businesses, while recognizing our common desire to provide those services as economically feasible as possible.

The complete 2015 Hanover Township Budget is available in the Township Office during business hours and always available online. Just go to <http://www.hanover-twp-nc.org> and click on the 'Administrative' tab on the top of the page and then click 'Finance and Budget Information'. You are not only able to view the budget online but access the Township's audited statements.

RECYCLING NEWS

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected approximately 1,065 tons of Leaves and 545 tons of Yard Waste in 2017. In 2016 the department collected 1,165 tons of Leaves and 540 tons of Yard Waste.



BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WWW.BAPL.ORG



KINDLE WINNERS!

In November, BAPL held a special contest for Hanover Township residents. New library cardholders and anyone who checked out a library item in the month could enter to win a Kindle. This resulted in 50 new library card sign-ups, the highest total of the year. In total, 4,346 library items were checked out by Hanover residents in November! The lucky raffle winners were **Sophia Lezinsky** and **Art Guerrieri**. Sophia is pictured at left with her prize in front of the library Christmas tree. Congratulations to the winners and welcome to our new members!

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 FOR HANOVER TOWNSHIP

In order to provide greater visibility and greater convenience, and longer hours at assigned locations, The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors has simplified the Bookmobile schedule. No longer will we have A & B weeks to make it easier to remember where the Bookmobile will be. For further convenience, we have centralized the stops, utilizing Weis and Bonton so you can choose a book while you shop.

MONDAYS 3-5:30 AT HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30-8:15 WEIS MARKETS (CRAWFORD DR.)

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

SATURDAYS Jan. 6, 20 Feb. 3, 17 March 3, 17, 31
11:30-12:30 at Hanover Elementary School



PARKING IN THE GARAGE

Reminder: parking is available in the city garage beneath the library after 5pm on weekdays and any time on weekends (just don't park in the spaces marked for police). See you at the 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

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

Riding with CRPD

by Mike Prendeville, Vice Chairman

Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in 2 “ride-alongs” with the Colonial Regional Police Department. I wanted to experience some of what CRPD does, how they interact with the community, what types of calls they handle, and perhaps more importantly, gauge the mindset of these officers in the midst of the pending reorganization with Bath’s future succession from CRPD coverage.

Arranged through Chief Seiple, my first experience was with Sergeant Michael Enstrom. Albeit a short tour of only 4 hours (they work a 12-hour shift), we were always on the move engaging in multiple calls during a Friday afternoon (4-8). The majority of the calls dispatched centered on the Northampton Crossings area (where Walmart is located), however we did not engage in those calls as we had other assigned priorities. I did however perceive that this shopping area consumes a great deal of CRPD resources. As for Enstrom and I, we were dispatched to a few domestic calls resulting in an arrest, searched for an individual with an active warrant, and ran some traffic enforcement detail. Sgt. Enstrom was the active commander during the shift so we acted as a floater, riding through Hanover, Bath, and Lower Nazareth in an unmarked police vehicle. When on the domestic calls, I was distressed to see small children

caught in the middle of unfortunate events. My experience seeing young children involved in unfortunate circumstances inspired me to donate 5 cases of stuffed animals to the CRPD. I suspect this was my way of offering some level of comfort to children experiencing situational stress.

My second ride along was with Officer Justin Schippang. This experience was from 8PM to 3AM on a cold and icy Friday night. Once again, I was in an unmarked car and we also were assigned a floating detail riding through Hanover, Bath, and Lower Nazareth. The night was rather calm as the roads were slippery from a recent snow storm and the temperature was a balmy 13 degrees. Everyone appeared hunkered down in their homes so it was an uncharacteristically quiet night. Officer Schippang engaged in multiple traffic stops, mostly from drivers rolling through stop signs or other motor vehicle infractions. Our first traffic stop involved a juvenile driver. Officer Schippang opted to call the parents while on the stop instead of ticketing the young driver. I was extremely impressed with his approach as I felt it embodied proactive and compassionate community policing.

My time with Enstrom and Schippang was well spent. We spent a great deal of time talking about the culture and character of the department. My impression is that CRPD is truly concerned about the citizens they service. The sense of pride and professionalism was clearly evident and spoke for itself. Understandably, the succession of Bath from their coverage area is distressing as it upsets staffing models which in turn promotes a level of uncertainty within the ranks. As a Township Supervisor, I deemed it important to experience a small fraction of “a day in the life” of these officers and to better understand the current mindset of the department. I confidently concluded that I remain delighted that Hanover Township continues its broad unwavering support of CRPD and I look forward to a long and productive partnership with them. As the Allstate commercial cites – “you are in good hands.”



Supervisor Prendeville and Sgt. Enstrom.



NO need for speed in Hanover

The Township continues to receive a large number of complaints from residents who are concerned with drivers speeding, not only on major and secondary roads in the Township but also in our residential neighborhoods. The speed limit on local roads in residential neighborhoods is 25 miles per hour; with nice weather approaching and the expected seasonal increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the roads, safe driving should be foremost in all motorists’ minds.

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, July, October, November and December on the FIRST MONDAY and January, 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 January, March, May, June, July, August, September and November, 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: March, May, July, September and November on the FIRST TUESDAY. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.