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# Hanoverview

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## COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE UPDATE

by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman Board of Supervisors

In the Winter 2018 *Hanoverview*, I indicated that a significant effort was under way to reach an agreement for Bath's withdrawal from Colonial Regional Police Commission (CRPC) and the services provided by the Colonial Regional Police Department (CRPD). The process began in July 2017 and I'm pleased to announce that we have recently reached a final settlement agreement between the Borough of Bath and the townships of Hanover and Lower Nazareth. All three municipalities have voted to accept the agreement which will see the Borough of Bath withdraw from the CRPC and no longer receive CRPD services effective 12:00 am July 1, 2018. The original Bath exit had been planned for year end 2018. The agreement includes Bath's continuing financial obligations to CRPC for the remainder of the year, totaling \$242,714 for the remaining 6 months of 2018.

I am especially happy to announce that Hanover and Lower Nazareth have entered into an Amended Articles of Agreement continuing CRPC and CRPD. In actuality, due to the serious commitment to each other, we had this agreement prepared well ahead of the finalized Bath agreement. This amended agreement is essentially a rewrite of the existing agreement, with changes necessary to reflect the fact that there are now two members of CRPC. Most importantly, the cost sharing formula remains essentially unchanged. While minor modifications were made, the formula components remain population, assessed property values and the number of reported incidents.

The "new" police commission delegates will be me, John Diacogiannis (Hanover) as Chairman and Marty Boucher (Lower

Nazareth) as Secretary/Treasurer. Alternates are Jack Nagle (Hanover) and Jim Pennington (Lower Nazareth). Our collective goal is to continue providing the same level of police services that we have enjoyed for years, and to enhance these services where feasible, while being mindful of financial constraints.

The CRPC has a lot on its plate. We are working on transition plans for the remainder of the year and for the next few years. We are also expecting to concentrate our attention on budget considerations not only for 2019, but for the foreseeable future. We hope to minimize the financial effect of Bath's departure, while maintaining the same level of service to our townships. We are also looking forward to working with the Colonial Regional Police Association, the officers bargaining unit. The existing collective bargaining agreement expires at the end of 2018 and we will shortly begin negotiations on a new agreement.

As I said in the last newsletter, it is safe to say that the relationship between Hanover and Lower Nazareth 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. I personally view the Colonial Regional Police Association as a partner to that end.





## FAKE NEWS & ALTERNATE FACTS

In the last year we've grown accustomed to the terms "fake news" and "alternate facts". Over the past few years blogs, twitter accounts, Facebook, etc. all offer the individual the opportunity to post information or just vent. If you want factual information on the Township please visit our website ([www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)), our Facebook page or simply pick up the phone and call the Township offices @ 610.866.1140. You might not like the information you're provided, but you'll get accurate and factual information.

## EAGLE SCOUT

### JACOB HARRISON MOSER



Jacob Harrison Moser, a member of Boy Scout Troop 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish, Bethlehem, has earned the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in Boy Scouting. During his years in scouting, Jacob served his troop as a Senior Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle Project, he planned, led, collected and distributed 200 packs filled with school supplies to children through Project Hope of Easton during their annual Christmas dinner. Jacob attends Bethlehem Catholic and is a part of the BESA High Drama Club and was part of the cast of the 2017 production of Oklahoma, and this year's production of Godspell. He is also part of the French and Key clubs as well.

Jacob is a huge baseball fan, works for the Iron Pigs and hopes to visit every ballpark in the country. He plans to attend college and major in Communications or Broadcasting.

Jake is the son of Christine Moser-Higgins and David Higgins.

## Stormwater Management Update

For approximately 15 years, now, Hanover Township has been part of a mandatory state and federal program that requires the ongoing and improved management of stormwater, known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program. This program focuses efforts on the more developed areas of the Township, known as the Urbanized Areas (UAs), as determined by the most current census figures and mapping. Permits are issued to the Township for 5-year terms which require compliance with various program components known as Minimum Control Measures (MCMs), including:

- MCM #1 – Public Education and Outreach
- MCM #2 – Public Involvement and Participation
- MCM #3 – Illicit Discharge Monitoring
- MCM #4 – Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- MCM #5 – Post-Construction Stormwater Management
- MCM #6 – Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention

To date, the Township has met all compliance requirements for the listed MCMs. The current MS4 Program permit will expire during 2019, upon which time a new permit will take effect.

The new MS4 Program permit will cover the period of 2019-2024 and, in addition to the normal MCMs, will also require the development and implementation of a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) to reduce sediment pollution to local streams by at least 10% of the calculated current annual sediment load. Hanover Township's PRP is currently under development and will target making improvements to existing stormwater management facilities (e.g., detention basins), as well as installation of new facilities that may be necessary to meet the 10% reduction goal. The PRP will also identify the responsibilities and costs for ongoing Operation and Maintenance of all stormwater facilities, with annual reporting of all activities and pollution reductions provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP).

Funding for the MS4 Program is the responsibility of the Township, with no dedicated funding provided by the state or federal governments. Development and implementation of the PRP will ultimately require the Township to pay for the costs of implementing the PRP recommendations.

Once completed in final draft form, Hanover Township's PRP will be made available to the public for review and comment for 30 days, prior to submission to the PA DEP in April of 2019. The public review and comment period will be advertised in the Township's newsletter, on the Township's website, and in the newspaper.

## SCAVELLO INTRODUCES HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX ELIMINATION BILL

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

State Senator Mario Scavello recently announced legislation to eliminate residential school property taxes through the state's existing homestead exclusion program.

Senate Bill 1137 is the implementing legislation from the ballot referendum passed in November, where voters across the state supported a constitutional amendment to expand the exclusion program.

Senator Scavello's proposed legislation provides elimination of school property taxes on all owner-occupied homes by shifting the tax burden from homestead properties to an increase in the state personal income tax (PIT), referred to as the "Education Tax." The legislation would increase the personal income tax rate 1.98 percent to 5.05 percent.



Rep. Mario M. Scavello

The bill raises \$9.3 billion in revenue to cover the \$8 billion school property tax shift from owner-occupied homes, as recommended by the Pennsylvania Independent Fiscal Office (IFO).

"We can all agree that any tax that would take a person's home after working their entire life to pay for it is wrong and immoral. No individual should have to choose between paying for prescription medications, taking care of their health and paying for property taxes," said Scavello. "People should be able to own their property and implementation of this legislation will protect and safeguard that constitutional right."

constitutional right."

For more information on SB 1137, or for assistance on any state related issue, please visit [www.senatorscaavello.com](http://www.senatorscaavello.com).



### 14th ANNUAL HANOVER TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

- Bethlehem Golf Club, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA
- **12:00 Noon Registration**
- **1:00 PM shotgun start;** 4 person scramble with refreshments and prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, putting contest and more; \$100/person
- Golf registration includes green's fee and social event/dinner
- Additional non-golfer cost for social, an outdoor tent event with music, buffet dinner, complimentary wine and beer, starting at 7:00 PM at the Bethlehem Golf Club Pavilion, is \$25/person

For the fourteenth consecutive year, Hanover residents are organizing a charitable golf tournament to help support post-secondary education costs for children who are residents of Hanover Township and who have lost a parent. The tournament is in memory of the late Joyce (Carr) Baskerville, John Rider, Thomas "Tom" Schmidt, Michael and Karen Hlavaty and Timothy Link, each a long-time Hanover Township resident and active community participant. For the past thirteen years, scholarships have been provided or set aside for each of their children in support of their post-secondary educational activities.

Tournament sponsors include Pizza Village, Tanczos Beverage, Bethlehem Golf Club and many others. Donations can be made to H.T.M.G.T. Fund, Attn: Mike Posch, 800 Clearview Lane, Bethlehem, PA 18017; tel. 610/691-8077; Email: [mike.posch@htmtg.org](mailto:mike.posch@htmtg.org).

To register for the golf tournament and social, please contact Mike Muller at 610.954.9774 or [mike.muller@htmtg.org](mailto:mike.muller@htmtg.org). For more information go to [www.htmtg.org](http://www.htmtg.org). or Facebook (Hanover Township Memorial Golf Tournament).





On February 26, 2018 members of the Colonial Regional Police Department received awards and recognition for their efforts in past two years. The following is the list of officers who received commendations:

Officer Frank Epser	Aggressive Driving Enforcement Award & Lifesaving Award
Officer Ron Nigro	Lifesaving Award (2)
Officer Justin Schippang	Lifesaving Award (3)
Officer Andrew Laudenslager	Lifesaving Award (2)
Officer Jefferey Waselus	Lifesaving Award (3)
Sgt. Darrin Wendling	Lifesaving Award
Officer Chris Templeton	Lifesaving Award (3) & Merit Award
Sgt. Michael Enstrom	Lifesaving Award
Officer Thomas Mahalick	Lifesaving Award
Sgt. John Harmon	Merit Award (3)
Officer Keith Kulp	Merit Award (2)
Officer Gary Young	Merit Award
Officer Matthew Antonucci	Merit Award
Officer Jason Spirito	Merit Award
Sgt. George Cuchran	Merit Award
Officer Robert Ryan	Merit Award

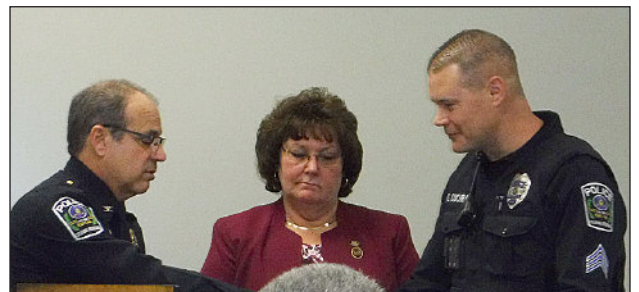
Lifesaving awards are issued to Officers who have used extraordinary means such as Naloxone or CPR to save a life.

Merit Awards are issued to Officer who have used extraordinary means such as CPR to save a life but the subject succumbed to their condition. It may also be issued to an officer who has put himself in Harm's Way to assist in resolution of an incident.

*Number in parenthesis indicates multiple awards.*



*Chief Seiple, Officer Laudenslager and Officer Weselus.*



*Chief Seiple, Representative Hahn and Sgt. Cuchran.*

# Hanover Township Community Center

Director:  
Robert Cepin

## Recreation News

Assistant Director:  
Nichole Hamburg

### Mark Your Calendar!

Women's 5K Walk/Run	<b>Saturday June 2nd</b>
Hanover Car Cruise/ National Night Out	<b>Tuesday August 7</b>
Patriot Day	<b>Tuesday September 11th</b>
Fall Festival	<b>Saturday October 6th</b>
Field of Pink & Vera Bradley Bingo	<b>Sunday October 14th</b>
PSU/HTCC "THON" 5K Fun Walk/Run	<b>Sunday November 4th</b>

### HTCC is Giving Back! CASH BINGO

The Hanover Township Community Center gives back! The 2018 Community BINGO events have several outstanding beneficiaries that are well known non-profits in the area!

<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
Community BINGO benefits: <b>Pampered Chef</b>	Community BINGO benefits: <b>PAWS2 FREEDOM</b>	Community BINGO benefits: <b>Monocacy Farm Project</b>	Community BINGO benefits: <b>Westminster Village Adult Day Care</b>	Community BINGO benefits: <b>The Pink Ribbon Fund</b>	Community BINGO benefits: <b>Wolfpack Search &amp; Recovery</b>
<i>HTCC Park &amp; Rec. &amp; Special Events</i>					

Community Bingo continues monthly, meeting once a month on the first Thursday of each month. The meeting room is reserved for this event and food/snacks are always available from our kitchen. Early Bird games (\$5) start at 6:30 pm and are over by 7 pm. Regular bingo starts at 7 pm - \$25 for 20 games - 9 boards or 9 chances to win each game! Prizes range from \$40 to \$125!

### IMPORTANT POOL INFORMATION

POOL OPENS - Saturday, June 9, 2018 Hours: 1 - 7 pm daily

Pool may close at the discretion of management regarding weather or pool conditions. For season pass rates or daily rates, please visit [www.hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.com)

Pool phone number is 610-868-3202  
(Please note as it is NOT listed)

Pool closes Sunday, August 19th, 2018

The pool will re-open August 25 and 26 as well as Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2, and 3

Pool will close at 4 pm on June 14, June 21, June 28, July 9, and July 19 for swim meets.

Thank you  
Special Event  
Sponsors:



**HanoverView  
Animal Hospital**  
484-281-8080

**MARLOW & MORROW REAL ESTATE TEAM**



"Your Hanover Township Real Estate Team"  
Call Linda 610-694-9343 or Tara 610-730-9060  
Keller Williams Real Estate



### Penn State Lehigh Valley Joins HTCC for Basketball Camp

This summer the Hanover Township Community Center will join forces with Penn State Lehigh Valley Women's Basketball head coach to provide a one week CO-ED basketball camp. The camp will run **July 9- July 12 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. The ages for participation are open from 7-15.

The camp will be coached by Lorie Khalil. Coach Lorie has been the head women's basketball coach since 2014 at the Lehigh Valley Campus. Coach Lorie also has a multitude of coaching experience in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, New York and New Jersey.

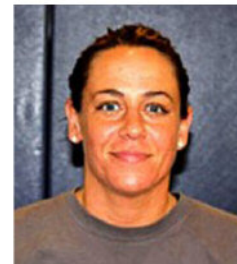
Coach Lorie will also have help with her coaching staff. Her coaching staff will include players from her women's college team as well as local high school players.

The format of the camp will be a variety of skills and drills as well as games and scrimmages between campers. Campers are asked to bring their own lunch and snacks for each day of camp. A free t-shirt will be given

to any camper registered before June 1, 2018.

A team discount is also available for a group of 5 or more who register at the same time. The discount is \$25 per camper.

Registration is available online, over the phone, or in person at HTCC.







### VERA BRADLEY BINGO

SUNDAY 10/14@ 1 PM

Tickets: \$15 prior to 10/1- \$20 after 10/1 and at the door.



## Join us on October 14, 2018 for the 7th Annual Field of Pink & Vera Bradley Bingo! Both events combined this year!

### Vera Bradley Bingo & Field of Pink now planting at HTCC!

Twice a year HTCC hosts a Vera Bradley Bingo. This Fall our VB Bingo will be on **Sunday, October 14th at 1 p.m.** and will be held in conjunction with the **Field of Pink!**

The Field Of Pink is planted to help raise awareness of breast cancer and to honor those who have fought this disease. This year, over 1000 pink flags will be planted and will be left on display for the month of October. Our day will begin at 12 pm at the Hanover Township Community Center, located at 3660 Jacksonville Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017. We will begin the festivities with our Vera Bradley Bingo (food will be available). Once intermission hits (approximately around 1:30pm), we will then proceed to plant the field of pink on the HTCC municipal fields and begin the festivities associated with it.

When arriving at the Field of Pink everyone will enjoy a brief presentation and planting of our field. Flag sponsorships are suggested at \$1 per flag, and flag donations will be given to The Pink Ribbon Patient Assistance Fund of the Lehigh Valley Hospital, which helps women and men undergoing breast cancer treatments by paying for household expenses.

Flags can be purchased at Hanover Township Community Center during normal business hours up until the day of and during the event. You are encouraged to write "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" on your sponsored flags and join us on October 15th to plant our Field of Pink. If you wish to sponsor a flag but cannot join us on October 15th, you can leave the flag at HTCC and we will plant it for you! Sponsorship forms can also be found on the Field of Pink Facebook page and the Hanover Township Community Center website at [hanover-communitycenter.com](http://hanover-communitycenter.com). As always, we will be raffling off a piece of jewelry with the proceeds to go toward a breast cancer resource foundation.

If you have any questions, call 610-317-8701. For up to date info please visit us at [www.facebook.com/fieldofpink](http://www.facebook.com/fieldofpink). Hanover Township Community Center is located at 3660 Jacksonville Rd. (between 512 and Schoenersville Rd.) Bethlehem, PA 18017 (near the Bethlehem Wegmans.)

## Children Helping Children

by Gianna Stavrolpoulos HTCC Summer Camper



The following story is about a child, Gianna who is 9 years old and touched the hearts of myself and fellow camp counselors last summer by her actions and art. Gianna shared her story to us, as she will below and we were all so compelled by her straight forward thinking and kind heartedness, it's imperative you learn about this young township girl who is helping those in need at her age.

"When I was 6 years old my Chinese teacher would hand out origami to the students that were really focused and well behaved during class. I became interested in learning to make origami myself. I liked to give it to my friends and family. It's fun showing people how to make origami too. Last summer I attended summer camp at Hanover Township and showed the counselors and children

how to make origami. We had a neighborhood yard sale in the summer and that is when I got the idea to make origami and sell it. All the money I collected I donated to charity. I wanted to donate the money to help other children and their families and that is why I chose the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley. It makes me feel good and happy when I can help others. This summer I have been invited by the PCFLV to attend an art project session at Camp Smile to teach the campers how to make origami. I plan to take my talents to help the sick children. I'm also looking forward to this years summer camp at Hanover Township Community Center to show my friends and the counselors new origami that I have been working on this year".

## PRESCHOOL/Elementary School AGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

### NEED BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

*Then we have you covered!*

Children in preschool to **grades K-8** are invited to participate in this structured and theme related enrichment program. Children may sign up 24 hours in advance for "as needed" service, or contracts are available for the school year. Children with contracts may sign up for care when preschool is off.

Hours are 7:30 am-5:45 pm Monday to Friday.

Fee schedule- HTCC Preschool student or Basic Membership is required in addition to hour cost.

#### BLOCK HOURS-

10 hours= \$100.00

20 hours= \$180.00

30 hours= \$240.00

40 hours= \$280.00

50 hours= \$300.00

#### BEST VALUE:

A contractual agreement:

10-14 hrs/ week	\$5/Hour
15-19 hrs/ week	\$4.50/ Hour
20+ hrs/ week	\$4/Hour

## POW! BAM! Are You Ready!?

What if a villain tried to hit, grab, choke or otherwise assault you? Would you be scared, panicked and totally clueless? Or prepared, confident and ready to react? The answer is right here at Hanover Township Community Center's self defense for women classes. Taught with patience, humor and a wealth of knowledge and experience by Sensei Tim, these classes could save your life and will most certainly change your perception of your own power and ability to cope. You will be introduced to options you never dreamed you had and your self-confidence will soar. Sensei Tim Heinsinger is a 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt and teaches the systems Shotokan and Aikido as well as Judo. He has taught for over 30 years to all age groups and has been at HTCC for over 20 years.

These are not karate classes – no flipping or bouncing or splintered boards! Twice a week for 10 weeks you will learn basic, practical ways to avoid being a victim and to defend yourself if necessary, no matter your age or what shape you're in. You will practice the techniques until they become second nature. You will learn not only what to do, but also how and why it works based on physics and biomechanics.

Self defense is a serious subject and we learn serious skills, but that doesn't stop us from having fun. The camaraderie and mutual support among class members enhance the learning experience. We coach each other, celebrate each other's triumphs and laugh a lot. Many of us keep coming back session after session.

This is a wonderful opportunity to arm yourself with useful knowledge in an enjoyable way at a very reasonable cost. Don't wait for that villain to appear – check out self defense for women at HTCC and be prepared. Classes will be re-summing in Fall 2018, sign up FAST!



## My Success Story by Stephanie Alvarado

In fall of 2010, I signed up for the 10-week Women's Self Defense Course for college campus safety (which is being offered this Summer, Mid-June through August). Sensei Tim Heinsinger walked me through self defense techniques that I had never seen before, making the course an eye-opener. His incredible speed and power has the ability to inspire and pull the best out of his students in the class; this influenced me into join the Adult Karate Class.

My first week of training was awkward, difficult, and I struggled; but the traditional elements of Shotokan Karate inspired me to work hard and push myself more and more every class. Sensei Tim works with his students to ensure that they understand and can properly execute the Shotokan, Aikido, and Judo techniques learned in class. Granted, I'm not the perfect student, I had times where I had to take long breaks between classes - but I always came back., recently achieving my "Shodan" (1st Degree Black Belt).

People always ask, "Why Karate?" The truth is, why not? With every class, I learn new skills to protect and defend myself against multiple street attacks. Classes require you to be disciplined and focused, and in return, you get to increase your self-confidence, endurance, strength, and coordination - which keeps me fit and happy. So, why would I not want to do karate?

Sensei Tim Heinsinger "Godan" (5th Degree Black Belt) with over 36 years of experience, offers a variety of programs. Separate full martial arts programs for children and adults with achieving traditional belts in the SKA (Shotokan Karate Association) - Program runs year round. Make yourself a success story just like I was!





## Special Events – Fall Festival      **October 6, 2018**

Hanover Township's Fall Festival has it all and is a great start to the fall season! As one of our largest special events, the Fall Festival offers live music, food tastings, a free pumpkin patch, tractor rides through the foliage of the municipal complex and a haunted house in the Community Center! New this year, we will be offering apple cider tasting from local farms in the Lehigh Valley. Events commence at 12pm and lasts until the last pumpkin is gone! The best part about this great event, it's **FREE!**



## Patriot Day Ceremony - September 11th, 2018

### *Schedule of Events:*

*National Anthem*

*Welcome & September 11 Flag Dedication*

*Guest Speaker/Presentation.....TBA*

*Flag Retirement by Boy Scout Troop 352*

*Refreshments to follow inside Community Center/Event Commences @6:15pm*

*Anyone have an interest in speaking, please contact Nichole Hamburg at HTCC.*

## Hanover Car Cruise

**Tuesday, August 7th • 5 pm - 8 pm**

Hanover Township Car Cruise will be held in conjunction with National Night Out, Tuesday, August 7, 2018. The Cruise will feature gifts for those pre-registered automobiles, trucks or motorcycles. Awards will also be given out via judging by Hanover Township's Emergency Personnel in stock and custom categories divided by year and types of vehicles. Additionally, music, food, free games, presentations, freebies from local organizations, lawn games will also be offered.

Like many of our other events and programs, our goal is to achieve community outreach and education. Again, our car cruise is in honor of our emergency personnel with a certain percentage of proceeds benefitting our local emergency personnel. We encourage you to come out and meet the volunteers who support our community through the Fire and EMS as well as our Colonial Regional Police Department. Registration forms for those wishing to register can be found [www.hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.com) or by stopping in the Community Center.

**Entry Fee Per Car:** Early Registration - \$8.00 (before July 15) / \$10.00 (on/after July 15)

**Awards/Classes:** Best of Show

**Best Stock/Custom (top in each class)– Pre– 1960, 1960-1969, 1970-1979 and 1980-Present, Motorcycles**





## WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL 9-1-1? *by Fire Chief Craig Wasem*

Educating the public about emergency services is always a difficult task, and knowing when to use 9-1-1 is where it begins.

Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 if:

- **A FIRE BREAKS OUT.** Any fire, no matter how large or small.
- **A MEDICAL EMERGENCY OCCURS.** Any life or limb-threatening medical problem. Including, chest pain, choking, difficulty breathing or speaking, drowning, numbness, poisoning, sudden intense pain, severe burns, a suicide threat or attempt, or other serious medical problem.
- **YOU WITNESS A CRIME OR POSSIBLE CRIME.** If you see an assault, a burglary, or anything suspicious, call 9-1-1. It is better to call and describe a suspicious person, than to wait and be questioned by police about a crime that occurred on your street.
- **IF YOU ARE IN OR WITNESS A CRASH.** Call 9-1-1, especially if someone is hurt or injured.

If it's potentially life-threatening, or you're in doubt, do not guess, CALL 9-1-1.

When you call 9-1-1 the operator will ask you pertinent questions: location, municipality, phone number, and what the exact emergency is.

**Location.** The exact address, intersection, or common location name of the emergency. All 9-1-1 operators are trained to gather the location information first. If the line were to disconnect or the call drops, the operator knows where to send the help, even if they do not know the extent of the problem.

**Municipality.** Municipality is not synonymous with city. Telling the operator that you live in Bethlehem is not incorrect, but you must realize that "Bethlehem," contains all of Bethlehem City, all of Hanover Township, and parts of Bethlehem Township. Knowing what municipality you are in is necessary because there are several street names that are duplicated within the county. For example; there is a Jacksonville Road in both Hanover Township and East Allen Township, and these roads are not the same and do not intersect.

**Phone number.** If the call drops or the line disconnects, the operator will be calling you back to get all of the pertinent information.

**What is your emergency?** The operator will then ask you to describe exactly what is going on. With this information, the operator will determine if the emergency requires police, fire company, EMS, or any combination or services.

The 9-1-1 operator can also instruct you how to assist the patient until help arrives. They are trained to provide medical instruction over the phone on CPR, child birth, Heimlich maneuver and how to control bleeding.

Always remember to:

- Stay calm.
- Listen to the instructions that the operator gives you.
- Turn on any outside lights. (at night)
- If it is safe to do so, send someone to the street to flag down the responders.

Having your house properly numbered is very important. Make sure that both sides of the mailbox have large readable numbers that are not obstructed by trees, plants, or shrubs.

If your problem does not require calling 9-1-1, you can use the non-emergency line to call.

Still have questions? Contact me direct at: [FireChief@HTVFC.org](mailto:FireChief@HTVFC.org).



### Can I text 9-1-1?

Yes. Northampton County 911 has the ability to receive and reply to texts to 911. Please remember to "Call when you can, text when you can't." Texting 911 may be used if you are unable to make a voice call to 911.



# TOP 10 TIPS for Calling 9-1-1

DEVELOPED FOR INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY.COM

*Created by a special 911 Lifeline, APCO, NENA team*

## IS A PERSON HURT OR IN DANGER? - DO YOU NEED THE POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE?

Have you ever wondered whether to call 9-1-1? Since 9-1-1 is for emergencies only, it helps to understand when to call and when not to call. An emergency is any serious situation where a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical help is needed right away. If you are unsure of whether your situation is an emergency, go ahead and call 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 call taker can determine if you need emergency assistance and can route you to the correct location.

## IF YOU DO CALL 9-1-1, EVEN BY MISTAKE, DO NOT HANG UP THE PHONE.

9-1-1 call takers are trained to get the most important information as quickly as possible to get help on the way to an emergency situation. In an emergency situation, allow the call taker to ask you all the questions they need in order to get help there in the timeliest manner before you hang up or leave the phone. If you happen to call by accident, stay on the line until you can tell the call taker that you called by accident and there is no emergency. This saves the call taker from having to call you back and confirm there is no emergency or possibly sending police with lights and sirens to check your address for an emergency.

## WHEN CALLING 9-1-1 DO YOUR BEST TO STAY CALM AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Staying calm can be one of the most difficult, yet most important, things you do when calling 9-1-1. It is very important that you stay as calm as possible and answer all the questions the 9-1-1 call taker asks. The questions 9-1-1 call takers ask, no matter how relevant they seem, are important in helping get the first responders to you as fast as possible.

## HELP THE 9-1-1 CALL TAKER HELP YOU.

Listen and answer the questions asked. By doing this, it helps the call taker understand your situation and will assist you with your emergency until the appropriate police, fire or medical units arrive.

## KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY.

The wireless 9-1-1 caller must be aware that the 9-1-1 center that answers the call may not be the 9-1-1 center that services the area that the wireless caller is calling

from. Look for landmarks, cross street signs and buildings. Know the name of the city or county you are in. Knowing the location is vital to getting the appropriate police, fire or EMS units to respond. Providing an accurate address is critically important when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO CALL 9-1-1.

Be sure they know what 9-1-1 is, how to dial from your home and cell phone, and to trust the 9-1-1 call taker. Make sure your child is physically able to reach at least one phone in your home. When calling 9-1-1 your child needs to know their name, parent's name, telephone number, and most importantly their address. Tell them to answer all the call takers questions and to stay on the phone until instructed to hang up.

## PRANK CALLS TO 9-1-1 WASTE TIME AND ARE ILLEGAL IN MOST STATES.

Be sure all members of your household are aware that prank or harassing calls to 9-1-1 will be dealt with by local law enforcement agencies.

## POST YOUR ADDRESS CLEARLY AND PROMINENTLY AT YOUR ENTRANCE AND ON YOUR HOME.

Posting your 9-1-1 address at the driveway entrance and on your home will alleviate any confusion as to whether emergency responders have the correct location. Try using something reflective or illuminated so that it can be seen in the evening as well as during the day.

## DO NOT ASSUME SINCE YOUR MAILBOX IS MARKED YOU HAVE POSTED YOUR ADDRESS.

Mailboxes are not always at the entrance of a driveway and usually are not marked clearly on both sides. Several cities and counties have ordinances for posting 9-1-1 addresses - check with your local ones. And always report missing street signs when noted - these not only help others find your home but are essential to emergency response personnel.

## KNOW THE PHONES YOU OWN.

Educate everyone about the phone system in your home as well as your cell phone. Children may need to use the devices in an emergency and will need to know how to operate them.



## EMS CORNER

by Karen Van Why, EMS Captain

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter EMS Call Statistics for 2018

Medical Emergencies .....	527
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	22
Fire Support .....	45
Total calls for the quarter .....	594



### SUMMER SAFETY

We all love to have fun in the summer but we need to be sure we take precautions to stay safe as we enjoy the outdoors.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind as you are enjoying the outdoors:



**TIP 1:** Use sunscreen - Sunscreen with a minimum of SPF 15 and preferably waterproof and make sure you apply it thoroughly, making sure to cover every exposed part of your skin.

**TIP 2:** Use bug spray - Mosquitos carry dangerous diseases like ZIKA, Lyme, and Malaria. Use bug spray with DEET to help repel mosquitos and other insects and help keep you and your family safe.

**TIP 3:** Ticks don't just hang out in the woods - Backyards can be tick territory as well, and pets also can inadvertently carry them into the home, where they land on a human host.

When outdoors, protect key parts of your body. Ticks like to feed behind the ears, on the back of the neck, armpits, and groin and behind the knees. If you see a tick on your body, use a pair of fine-tipped tweezers to pull it out. Grasp the head of the tick and pull it straight out.

**TIP 4:** Avoid heat stroke - Staying hydrated and in the shade helps keep you cool and one step ahead of the sun's unforgiving rays.

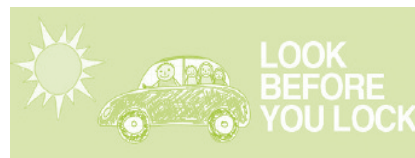
**TIP 5:** Wear loose, breathable fabrics - Part of staying cool is dressing appropriately, so wear light, breathable fabrics (like cotton) when in the sun.

**TIP 6:** Wear helmet when riding your bike or scooter - Helmets are the single most effective safety device to reduce head injury and death from bike crashes. Kids should wear a helmet when riding a scooter, skating, skateboarding, or biking.

**TIP 7:** Avoid poisonous plants - Poison ivy is no fun and extremely contagious. Learn to spot it and other dangerous plants in your area, and teach your children to avoid them.

**TIP 8:** Remember pool safety - Never leave children alone in or near pool, even for a moment. Don't run near a pool and avoid horseplay.

**TIP 9:** Don't leave kids or pets inside a car, even for just a few minutes - Leaving a child or pet alone in a car for a few minutes can cause serious injury or even death in a matter of minutes. Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT – avoid heatstroke, create reminders, and take action if you see a child or pet left alone.



**TIP 10:** Playground safety - Make sure your children remove helmets and anything looped around their necks. Metal, rubber and plastic products can get very hot in the summer, especially under direct sun. Make sure slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned. Do not allow children to play barefoot on the playground. Parents should supervise children on play equipment.

## SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD EMERALD ASH BORER ALERT – ACT NOW!

Kathi Drive from Susan to Susan, Toni Lane, parts of Loraine Lane, and various other locations

If you want to save your Ash tree and it is still healthy, NOW is the time to have it treated by an ISO-certified arborist (ask for credentials). Some of the ash trees on these streets are already dead. An arborist can determine if the tree is healthy enough to be treated. Untreated trees will die and have to be removed and replaced by a large deciduous tree from the Township Approved Tree List. Treatment by a certified ISA arborist must be repeated every two to three years.

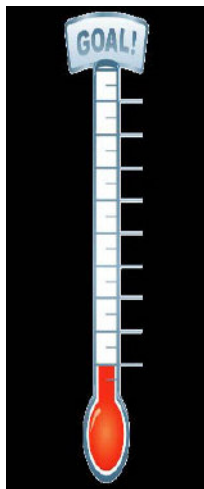
### PLANT A TREE

Arbor Day has passed, but you can still plant a tree to maintain Hanover Township's "urban canopy", provide cooling shade in the summer, and add to your property value. Check the Hanover Township Approved Tree List for suitable trees. (Street trees must be selected from this list.) When planting your tree, be sure you or your landscaper removes the twine and the top 1/3 of the burlap twine from the root ball. The tree should be planted at or above grade so the root flare is exposed. Do not plant your tree too deeply.

### MULCH YOUR TREES

Applying mulch in a circle at least three feet from the trunk has many benefits: maintains moisture during dry spells, keeps the soil an even temperature, and prevents lawn mower and weed wacker damage to the trunk. The mulch should be approximately three inches deep and **NOT TOUCH THE TRUNK OF THE TREE.**

## FIRE COMPANY NEWS



### FUND DRIVE

Our annual Fund Drive mailing was sent out in May. We depend on your gracious donations to help us support our great Company throughout the year. Your donations help us financially for equipment, maintenance for our vehicles, workers compensation insurance and other costs associated with the operations of our Fire Company.



### AMAZON SHOPPING

Do you shop at Amazon? Our Company is registered on the Amazon Smiles program. This program donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Fire Company. Every dollar helps us to help you. Please check out the Amazon Smiles program at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

**Charity name: Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co**

*Details on the program:*

### What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

#### ✖ How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.



**FUND DRIVE DONATIONS  
ACCEPTED ONLINE AT  
[www.htvfc.org](http://www.htvfc.org)**

#### ✖ Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

#### ✖ Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

YES, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

### THANK YOU

A great big Thank You to Traditions of Hanover for the amazing breakfast they provided at their Annual Appreciation Breakfast for Emergency Responders.

### JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always looking for new volunteers to help us serve our Township. Firefighter, EMT, Fire Police also we have many other administrative duties where you help is needed. 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](http://www.htvfc.org)  
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK  
<https://www.facebook.com/HTVFCPA>





## MY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROPOSAL

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

In an effort to enable school districts to exclude up to 100 percent of a homeowner's school property tax bill, state Rep. Rosemary M. Brown (R-Monroe/Pike) and I have introduced a bill to establish a property tax reform program.

Both of our district offices are regularly bombarded with questions about the need for property tax legislation. The bill we've authored would relieve the burden on our homeowners and in turn promote home ownership. While property tax relief is not exclusively a Republican or Democrat issue, we're pleased to see the legislation gaining support from both sides of the aisle and hope to have House Bill 2329 voted in committee in the near future.

In last November's General Election, an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution was approved by voters to further expand the property tax relief program known as the Homestead Exclusion. The amendment increased the allowable homestead and farmstead exclusion to 100 percent of the assessed value of all homesteads and farmsteads. If fully funded, this change would allow school districts to eliminate the collection of property taxes within each school district.

Since the passage of the constitutional amendment, there have been many discussions regarding the best way for the General Assembly to craft enabling legislation that would provide for the elimination of owner-occupied residential school property taxes via the homestead and farmstead exclusion. House Bill 2329 would



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

provide this funding by increasing the state PIT by 1.72 percent to 4.79 percent, in order to cover the amount needed to offset owner-occupied residential school property taxes.

There have been a number of legislative attempts to reduce or eliminate property taxes, using various combinations of Personal Income and Sales and Use tax increases. We believe our proposal to involve accessing one of the most stable taxes in the Commonwealth. Sales tax revenue can fluctuate as the volume of goods and services purchased rises and falls, making it an unstable source from which to draw.

Now more than ever, the issue of property tax relief is being discussed in Harrisburg. While Rep. Brown and I believe our legislation works, House Bill 2329 at the very least keeps front and center the discussion about answers to this problem which plagues homeowners, including seniors and families throughout our Commonwealth. The bill may end up being amended in committee to be part of a final solution. Whatever the case, we are simply offering another point of view that we hope will be enough to earn at least 102 votes in the House, 51 votes in the Senate and one governor's signature.

As we await a committee vote on the bill, I would appreciate your thoughts on our legislation. Please feel free to contact me at my district office (610-746-2100) or via email at [Mhahn@pahousegop.com](mailto:Mhahn@pahousegop.com).

### MANAGERS COMMENTS

One of the most frustrating comments that Township staff and Supervisors receive is when a resident calls and the Township can't do for them what they request is, "but I pay all these taxes." The Township has not raised taxes in over ten (10) years. Just recently, May 15, 2018 the Bethlehem Area School District voted to increase their Mill Rate by 2.5%.

The chart on page 14 indicates what the property taxes are for a property in Hanover payable to the various taxing authorities.

You are encouraged to contact your State Senator (Scavella) and State Representative (Hahn) and urge them to sponsor or support legislation aimed at school property tax relief.



### FALL FESTIVAL – October 6th

Hanover Township's Fall Festival has it all and is a great start to the fall season! As one of the Township's largest special events, the Fall Festival offers live music, food tasting, a free pumpkin patch, tractor rides through the foliage of the municipal tract. Event starts at 12 p.m. and it's FREE!

## 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 55.91	\$2,727.50 (17-18) \$2,795.50 (18-19)
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 55.91	\$5,455.00 (17-18) \$5,591.38 (18-19)
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 55.91	\$8,182.50 (17-18) \$8,386.50 (18-19)
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

*\*\*Based on Published Media Reports*

## HANOVER SCHOOL NEWS

*By Shannon Patrick*

The student body had a Spring full of activities. They thoroughly enjoyed the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast in March. The fabulous teachers of Hanover were the hosts and wait staff. The Science Day crew created a day of fun and learning! Later that same day, a very talented group of kids showed their stuff at the Talent Show!

As soon as they got back from Spring Break, the students rolled right into PSSA testing. The kids handled the tests with such positivity and grace! The staff could not be any prouder! To celebrate the end of this year's standardized testing, the kids participated in the Cup Stacking Contest!

To keep the fun going, our Screen Free Week Committee scheduled a Hawk Hunt at many Downtown Bethlehem businesses along Main St! Students also could unwind at Sky Zone Night too. There was something for everyone. Every grade also took a field trip related to their studies.

Fifth Grade musicians dazzled the crowd during the All City Band Concert. It was so fabulous seeing sixteen elementary schools come together and harmonize! When not jamming out, Fifth Grade also represented the school at the Annual Track Meet at Liberty. Again, this was a great group effort! We are proud of all those that

participated. As a group, the class finished up the academic year with a field trip to New York City.

As the 'leaders' of the school get ready to head to Nitschmann, Mr. Lynch and his staff welcomed the incoming kindergarteners, the Class of 2031!!! Let that sink in for a moment.....

To close out the year, Hanover celebrated at the Annual Spring Festival. What a great time was had by all! The staff, parents, and older siblings volunteered their time to make it a fabulous event. A week later, the entire school capped off a wonderful year with the Field Day Picnic. Fifth Grade parents used a lot of tissues at the Moving Up Ceremony on the last day of school.

And just like that, it is over. Our school community is like no other. As the outgoing President of the PTA, I would love to thank each teacher and staff member of Hanover Elementary School for their constant support of our children. We must also thank our leader, Mr. Timothy Lynch. He sets the bar pretty darn high. I cannot leave out the parents. Our families donate so much time and effort to make the school day fun and enjoyable.

Wishing you all an incredible and memorable summer!!! HANOVER....HAWKS!!



## HONORABLE CHARLES W. DENT OP-ED

Last September, I announced my decision not to seek re-election for an eighth term in the House of Representatives, and I decided to leave effective May 12th.

I am forever grateful to the people of the 15th District for granting me the honor of representing them. However, after enjoying nearly 28 years of elected public service – a run of 13 successful elections at the state and federal levels – my family and I felt it was time.

I believe I had an impact and made a difference in Congress. From Homeland Security matters to transportation and infrastructure projects to the Armed Forces, State Department, medical research and broader health care issues, housing and veterans, I am proud of what I was able to accomplish.

Throughout my career, I've worked to instill stability and order in Washington. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I've fought to fulfill the basic functions of government, like keeping the government funded and preventing default on our nation's obligations. That has not been easy given the disruptive outside influences that profit from increased polarization in Washington.

People must understand that certain organizations and individuals profit, either financially or politically, from dysfunction and chaos in Washington. These noise-makers monetize politics and their interest is not in the smooth functioning of government. Unfortunately, anger and conflict sell; consensus and compromise do not.

This phenomenon manifested itself most clearly during the 2013 federal government shutdown. Some organizations and a small group of House members led by one Senator determined that a showdown over defunding Obamacare was beneficial to them. Simply stated, the 2013 shutdown debacle was an exercise in legislative and political malpractice, solely to advance the political ambitions of one Senator and for the financial benefit of certain outside organizations.

The 2016 Presidential campaign and the tenor of the Trump presidency have also contributed to my decision. While I did not support candidate Donald Trump, I always pledged to work with President Trump when we agree, check him when he moves in an ill-considered direction and call him out when he makes outrageous or offensive statements. Elements of the Republican and Democratic bases take issue with this approach. Too many Republicans expect blind, unquestioning loyalty



and obedience no matter how absurd or destructive the behavior or comment by the President. Constitutional separation of powers is now an alien concept after relentlessly demanding Congress assert its Article I powers during the Obama years. On the other side, far too many Democrats offer unflinching resistance and opposition to President Trump, even if they agree with him on a given policy or position.

Separation of political parties has replaced separation of powers as a guiding governing philosophy.

This political polarization has led to a disturbing trend where fringe elements of both the far right and far left are emboldened and empowered. Some in both the Republican and Democratic parties have embraced the three-headed monster of isolationism, protectionism and nativism. These are not the policies of a great nation.

Embracing these policies dishonors the sacrifice and service of the "Greatest Generation," which delivered victory during World War II, and risks the farsighted, outward-looking, post-war, rules-based order that has brought unprecedented freedom and prosperity to America, its friends and allies. Worse, impulsively and casually retreating, or threatening to retreat, from agreements entered into by this nation over many years speaks to a strategic recklessness that endangers America's short and long-term economic and security interests, while threatening the durability of current, and future, agreements.

For these personal, political and policy reasons, I have decided it is time to move on. Politics is a noble calling. Leaving a job I love is not easy. However, leaving Congress does not mean that I am withdrawing from the causes that have always been important to me.

I intend to continue aggressively advocating for the people and the policies of the sensible center. I hope to provide an even larger voice in favor of responsible governance and to foster a strong, center-right movement that embraces traditional conservative virtues of order, stability and incremental change -- not the incendiary rhetoric, chaos and dysfunction that we have, unfortunately, grown accustomed to in recent years.

Again, thank you for allowing me to represent you. I am moved by the trust you've shown in me time and time again. After my family, representing you and our communities has been the joy of a lifetime.



## PATRIOT DAY PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

National Anthem  
Welcome

Guest Speaker: TBD

Flag Retirement Ceremony by Boy Scouts  
Refreshments to follow inside  
the Community Center.

*Anyone have an interest in speaking, please  
contact Nichole at the Community Center.*

SEE SOMETHING



SAY SOMETHING

SEE SOMETHING –  
CALL!



Another item worth mentioning is **SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING** or better put, **SEE SOMETHING – CALL!** Two items come to mind. Recently I read numerous posts on Facebook by residents complaining/concerned about a homeowner open burning on their property. I can assure you neither the 911 Center nor Fire Company monitors Facebook posts. If something is an issue Dial 911 and let someone check it out.

Similarly, we sent a blast email out concerning an individual attempting to lure children into his vehicle. I received an email a week or so later with a picture of a vehicle indicating that it was driving up and down the emailer's road and around the neighborhood with a question. "Is this the vehicle you're looking for?" In situations like this, call 911 and let a CRPD officer respond and investigate.

## SPRING CLEANING: DITCH YOUR INEFFICIENT FRIDGE, FREEZER

*From PPL Electric Utilities*

That old fridge in your garage or basement could be costing you an extra \$150 a year in electricity.

Through PPL's energy-efficiency programs, you get free pick-up of your old, working refrigerator or freezer, and a \$35 check. As an added bonus, if you recycle an old room air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time, you'll receive another \$10. The refrigerator or freezer must be in working condition and between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size and be clean, empty and defrosted. Visit [ppl-electric.com/recycle](http://ppl-electric.com/recycle) for more program details.

Recycling your old appliance is good for the environment. Under PPL's appliance recycling program, up to 95 percent of your appliance's components are used in new products and don't end up in a landfill.

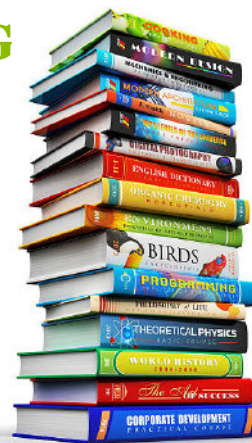
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## LITTLEFREELIBRARY.ORG

Guardian Life Insurance Company

Through the generosity of Guardian Life Insurance the Township now has a LittleFreeLibrary station located on the Municipal Tract. It is located near the Dog Park and the playground. Stop by and pick up or leave a book for your neighbor.



## STREET SWEEPING

The Township recently finished our Spring street sweeping. When cutting your grass please be conscious and considerate of this fact. Please do not direct or blow grass clippings into the street. It not only looks messy but defeats our efforts trying to keep storm drains clear of debris. See Stormwater Management Update Article in this issue of the *Hanoverview* on page 2.



## ASA PACKER NEWS

By Jacqui Fortsch

At Asa Packer, we are gearing up for warmer weather and summer break with a focus on finishing the year strong.

We started the second half of the year with a visit from Nancy Krulik, author of the "Princess Pulverizer" book series. The students enjoyed hearing about her journey to become a writer, and were able to purchase autographed copies of her books! Mrs. Weber's Fourth Grade class showed off their awesome math skills, by being named #1 in Bethlehem Area School District (and #19 in the state of PA!) in completing the First in Math "Very Important Facts." We registered a new class of kindergartners, giving them opportunities to prepare for and adjust to the upcoming school year by hosting several Pre-K Literacy Nights and a Kindergarten Welcome Day. In April, students prepared for and powered through the PSSA's like champs, and were rewarded with fun Zumba and other exercise activities during the afternoons on testing days. The Fifth graders also got the opportunity to visit Nitschmann Middle School, to get ready for their big transition from Elementary to Middle school.

The warmer weather brought the Kellyn Foundation to Asa Packer, helping students from multiple grades plant different types of vegetables in the school's garden beds. They introduced the "Veggie Challenge," where students are challenged to pick a vegetable that they don't like, and try it for ten weeks. The students are excited for the foundation members to return and help them pick the vegetables they planted!

In support of our designation as a "No Place for Hate" school, Asa Packer focused on several important topics, using books and videos to discuss bullying; bragging and its effects on others; how to give a sincere apology; and acceptance. The older students visited the kindergarten classes, reading together with their book

buddies, and making a new friend in the process. We continued to focus on our "Leader in Me" program by learning about the "7 Habits," like "Be Proactive" and "Put First Things First".

Outside the classroom, students had many chances to show their talents and leadership skills. They participated in a Mini-Mini Thon, hosted by Liberty and Freedom High School students, to raise money for kids with cancer. In March, Asa sent three teams to the 2018 K'Nex Competition, as part of the CIU20 STEM Design Challenge. Each team had to design and build a unique, environmentally friendly home item, complete with blueprints and a presentation to the judges. Our finalist in the "Future Chefs" competition, hosted by PBS39 and Sodexo, impressed the judges with his "Veggie Taco with tofu and teriyaki" recipe. And the "Asa's Got Talent" and Drama Club performances gave students the chance to display their skills and talents to the entire school community!

Learning is important at Asa Packer, but that doesn't mean we're short on fun! Our school never misses an opportunity to celebrate its community pride, hosting fun events for students and their families – like International Night, where school families gathered to share delicious dishes and unique customs from their cultures. We roller skated and ice skated, laughing (and falling!) together with our friends, and showed appreciation to our moms with our "Muffins with Mom" event. We even saw some friendly competition at our Family Game Night. All of these events are leading up to the big finale – our "Patio Party" that finishes the year by gathering families for food, games, and prizes!

Keep up to date on how Asa Packer is finishing the year strong by visiting our website or following us on Twitter (@AsaPackerBASD).

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out will be held at Hanover Township's Municipal Complex on Tuesday, August 7th from 6-9 p.m. You are invited to meet with members of the Colonial Regional Police and the Township Crime Watch who will be on hand with games and prizes for the kids, "Kids Picture ID cards" and Homeland Security Packets. Rain or shine, there will be free hot dogs, ice cream and birch beer. Look for flyers during the summer for further information. If interested in helping out with the program, please contact the Community Center @ 610.317.8701.



## What's New



BETHLEHEM AREA  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning Starts Here



## BAPL presents: Kanopy and Kanopy Kids *Stream a free film every month!*

BAPL is proud to announce the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy, including Kanopy Kids, is now available for **free** to library card holders. Films and great children's programming can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku.

Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS, and thousands of independent filmmakers.

Kanopy Kids categories include TV Series, Learning Languages, Animated Storybooks, Anime Favorites, Classic Films, and Movies for the Whole Family. Key titles include Arthur, Babar, Franklin & Friends, Maya The Bee, Wild Kratts, Between the Lions, Little Pim, and Nigerian-animated Bino & Fino.

For now, the library's subscription is capped at 250 films per month; individual cardholders receive a screening credit for one film per month until the cap is reached.

**Sign up to start streaming instantly by visiting [bapl.kanopy.com](http://bapl.kanopy.com) today!**



## The Bookmobile schedule has been simplified!



We have centralized the stops, utilizing **Weis Market on Crawford Drive** and **the Westgate Mall** so you can choose a book while you shop.



## It's Almost Time for Summer Quest at BAPL!

For Children, Teens,  
and Adults  
*June 9 through August 18*

Long sunny days are coming—let the library help you fill those hours with fun! **LIBRARIES ROCK** is this year's Summer Quest program, with learning and reading activities for toddlers through teens, and adults. All ages have a chance to win larger prizes, and youth will also earn incentives as they complete activities.

Check our website ([bapl.org](http://bapl.org)) for free daily programs and events, and sign up for the program at the Main Library, South Side Branch, or Bookmobile. The program runs June 9 through August 18, so it will keep your brain in shape all summer long!

## Locations & Hours

### Main Library

11 W. Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610.867.3761

Mon. - Wed. 10AM - 8PM  
Thurs. & Fri. 10AM - 6PM  
Sat. 10AM - 5PM  
Sun. CLOSED

### South Side Branch

400 Webster Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610.867.7852

Mon. - Thurs. 11AM - 8PM  
Sat. 12PM - 4PM  
Sun. & Fri. CLOSED

### Bookmobile Hours

**Mondays** at Hanover Township Community Center 3PM - 5:30PM and  
Weis Market (Crawford Drive) 6:30PM - 8:15PM  
**Thursdays** at Westgate Mall 12:15PM - 2:45PM  
**Alternate Saturdays** at Hanover Elementary 11:30AM - 12PM

**did you  
know**

Parking is available in the garage  
beneath the Library for **free** on  
weekends, except in spaces  
reserved for police and city council.

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## Firefighter Crisis: Townships Urge Governor, Lawmakers to Take Action

The volunteer fire company is a long and cherished tradition in our commonwealth, dating back to 1736 when Ben Franklin founded the nation's first all-volunteer force to fight blazes in Philadelphia.

For nearly three centuries, communities have relied on volunteer fire companies to protect property and save lives. Today, this volunteer model is in jeopardy.

Across the state, local fire companies are struggling. Volunteers are dwindling. Costs are soaring. Training requirements have intensified. With donations and volunteers harder to come by, the future of the local fire company, long intertwined in the fabric of a community, looks grim. Without real, viable solutions to address this volunteer shortage, many local stations may be forced to close their doors.

That means one thing: Pennsylvania is on the verge of a public safety crisis.

### Time for action

Recently, township officials from across the state passed a resolution at the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) demanding that Gov. Tom Wolf call a special legislative session immediately to address the volunteer crisis facing local fire and emergency management services. Rep. Steve Barrar, chair of the state Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee, has embraced this call for a special session.

Recent initiatives to tackle the crisis, including the bipartisan Senate Resolution 6 Commission, which has been tasked with studying issues affecting first responders, are a good step but they're not enough, said Shirl Barnhart, PSATS immediate past president and a member of the SR 6 Commission. He noted that the deadline for the commission's report is November 30, which coincides with the end of the legislative session.

"Instead, local leaders are imploring the legislature to act *now*, before General Election Day, and give this crisis the attention it deserves," Barnhart said. "We've 'talked the talk' for long enough; it's time to 'walk the walk.'"



Whether it's putting out a house fire or helping at the scene of an overdose, volunteer fire and emergency responders keep the commonwealth's communities safe. Yet, a lack of volunteers and increasing costs and training requirements are pushing many to the breaking point.

Consider these sobering facts:

- Volunteers at fire companies across Pennsylvania have dropped from 300,000 strong in the 1960s and '70s to below 50,000 today.
- At least 75 percent of fire companies are struggling with manpower at a time when the state's population is aging. The average age of a firefighter is 50-something, and people are busier today than they were decades ago.
- Communities would have to raise taxes almost \$10 billion a year to switch to a paid model for fire service, according to the office of the state fire commissioner.

Gov. Tom Wolf recently declared the opioid abuse problem in Pennsylvania an emergency disaster. Programs and funding have been dedicated to ending this deadly epidemic.

"As local officials who are witnessing the lethal consequences of opioid addiction in our communities, the members of PSATS support this commitment," Barnhart said. "However, we also believe we have been dealing with the volunteer fire and EMS crisis for far longer. It's time that our hard-working fire companies and volunteers receive the same attention and recognition from Harrisburg."

This call for action isn't intended to distract from the current opioid crisis. Instead, it is related. First responders are on the front lines

of the opioid battle every day. If communities expect emergency personnel to respond to overdose calls, they can't afford to lose any more foot soldiers in this war.

### Too important to lose

Whether it's helping at the scene of an overdose or putting out a house fire, volunteer fire and emergency responders keep the commonwealth's communities safe. While local leaders are doing their best to keep this volunteer model alive, Barnhart said, they need help from the leaders in Harrisburg.

PSATS and its members are urging the state legislature to immediately enact real and feasible solutions, such as allowing variable training standards for rural, suburban, and urban areas; granting a tax incentive for employers who permit employees to respond to calls while at work; and providing a fix for out-of-control insurance rates at the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF).

If Pennsylvania doesn't find real remedies soon, the day is not far away when someone calls 911 for help, and no fire company responds.

"We must make sure that never happens," Barnhart said. "Our volunteer fire companies are simply too important to lose."

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## 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.