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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

A Truly Amazing and Talented Team!

by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman



Happy 2019! Your township government is in fine condition. We are certainly not immune to the challenges and impacts of our surroundings, however we are well positioned to respond and address them.

I am very pleased to let you know that we have successfully completed a major transition year with regard to Colonial Regional Police Department. As you know, the Borough of Bath had withdrawn from CRPD last year, leaving Hanover Township and our good neighbor Lower Nazareth Township as the remaining members of the CRPD. Both townships made a commitment to each other to preserve the outstanding police service that we have been accustomed to. To this end, we have maintained force levels. This was particularly challenging considering the normal budgetary constraints that both townships endure. This was further complicated by a concurrent negotiations to renew the police bargaining unit contract. Thankfully, our amicable relationship with the Colonial Regional Police Association contributed to a successful new 5 year contract, which enables us to maintain the work force level, within the budgetary constraints of both Townships. Many thanks goes to our Association partners and to our friends in Lower Nazareth Township, my fellow Supervisors in Hanover, both of our respective Township Managers and our Chief of Police. It was a very busy year for the Police Commission.

Furthering our relationship with neighboring municipalities, I had previously mentioned that we were joining forces with 9 other municipalities in upgrading our comprehensive plan under a multi-municipal effort. Guiding the effort on behalf of Hanover is Supervisor Susan Lawless. Susan is well suited to the task and has experience as the former chairperson of the Hanover Township Planning Commission.

The entire process is being managed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, of which I am honored to be Vice Chairman.

Hanover Township continues to be well positioned to meet the challenges ahead of us. Including economic uncertainty facing all of us, development pressures, and natural and manmade disruptions. Over the years, my State of the Township article has highlighted several key individuals who have been an integral component of our successful story. They have included our Township Manager, our Public Works Director, our Treasurer, our Secretary, zoning officers, other office staff, public works staff, Recreation Directors and staff, Colonial Regional Police Chief and officers and our dedicated fire and ambulance volunteers. In addition, we are indebted to our many volunteers who provide countless hours of dedicated service to all of us. Hanover Township's success is due to the professional and dedicated work provided by all.

Not in the least, my fellow Board of Supervisors provide the backbone for all of this to successfully occur. We occasionally disagree, but we do it with respect, professionalism and understanding. Something I wish others particularly in Harrisburg and Washington would emulate. Steve Salvesen and I have the highest tenured years of service to Hanover in modern history. Combined, we have nearly 75 years of service on the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Jack Nagle follows with a number of consecutive terms of office. Rounding out our Board are two relatively new, but with valued experience, Supervisors Mike Prendeville and Susan Lawless. Mike and

2019 Township Budget

by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager



The 2019 Budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors maintains the Township Tax Rate at 3.9 mills, including the Fire Tax of .5 mills, for the **twelfth** consecutive year. Hanover Township remains on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township Board of Supervisors and Township staff. The Township has become and continues

as one of the premier locations to live and work in the Lehigh Valley.

During 2019, Hanover Township projects receiving \$8,425,068 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a 2.4% **decrease** or \$211,726 and a similar **decrease** in General Fund Expenses for the year. This compares to a budgeted amount of \$8,425,068 in 2018.

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

The Township will be replacing two (2) medium duty dump trucks with Chevrolet 5500's in 2019. Recreation equipment will be installed at College Heights Park and First Responders Park.

During 2019, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$845.322 in Recreation revenues, which is a **0.006 decrease**.

Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to memberships, season pool passes, rental of facilities, daily pool receipts, swim lessons, fundraising, program fees, catering, advertising – newsletter, preschool tuition, programs and fundraisers. The 2019 Recreation expenditures include costs associated with salaries, operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, pool and park maintenance and training, fundraising costs and services.

During 2019 road resurfacing is anticipated to be completed on Illicks Mill Road, South Commerce and North Commerce Way.

Entering 2019 the Township was not encumbered by any debt.

2019 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.

2019 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2019 calendar year will be mailed to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the middle of February please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 231 for Emily. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited into our mail slot (front of building) during non-business hours.

A new calendar can be found online at:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/sites-hanover/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/18231041/2019-Residential-Waste-Recycling-Calendar.pdf>

Please also review the Residential Waste and Recycling page included in this newsletter.



Armed Forces Day

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The 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.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP *cont'd from page 1*

Susan provide that inquisitive and fresh approach that keeps us all on our toes, striving to be better.

A truly amazing and talented team. I have never worked with a more cohesive and forward thinking group of people. Every single one of our employees and volunteers contributes toward making Hanover Township the best place to live, work and play. If you would like to contribute your talents to your community, reach out to me or Manager Finnigan, or complete the online talent form.

EMS CORNER

by Karen Van Why, EMS Captain

EMS Call Statistics for 2018

Medical Emergencies	1,861
Motor Vehicle Accidents	145
Fire Support	221
Total calls for the year	2,228



Carbon Monoxide: The Invisible Killer

More than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized.

What is Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?

Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide builds up in your bloodstream. When too much carbon monoxide is in the air, your body replaces the oxygen in your red blood cells with carbon monoxide. Exposure can result in permanent neurological damage or death.

Where does it come from?

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced by burning gasoline, wood, propane, charcoal or other fuel. Improperly ventilated appliances and engines, particularly in a tightly sealed or enclosed space, may allow carbon monoxide to accumulate to dangerous levels.

Who is at Risk?

Infants, the elderly, and people with chronic health issues are more prone to illness or death however anyone can be overcome with carbon monoxide fumes.

What are the Signs and Symptoms?

- Dull headache
- Shortness of breath
- Weakness
- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Blurred vision
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of consciousness

How Can I Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in My Home?

- Install a battery operated carbon monoxide detector in your home near the bedrooms.
- Have your heating system, water heater and any other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors

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Public Safety

FIRE COMPANY

Frequently Asked Questions

by Fire Chief Craig Wasem



Q: Why do I see personal vehicles with flashing blue lights but no sirens?

A: All firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians are permitted to utilize blue warning lights on their personal vehicles. The flashing lights are simply a courtesy light and do not provide the driver to operate outside of the standard vehicle code guidelines. However, we encourage you pull to the side of the road and allow them to pass, because during an emergency, every second counts.

Q: Firefighters wear a lot of gear; is it fireproof and how much does it weigh?

A: The gear firefighters wear weighs about 56 pounds. The clothes are called "turn-outs" or "bunker" gear as they generally are turned inside out and kept in lockers at the firehouse to facilitate a quick change. The turn-outs are made of a material called Nomex or PBI which is fire retardant but not fireproof, so it will burn at certain temperatures. Firefighters must be able to put on turnout gear on in less than a minute. And yes, it does get rather warm in the summer as we must wear these protective clothes when we respond to structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, and traffic accidents.

Q: Why is it necessary for firefighter to break windows and cut holes in roofs?

A: As a fire burns, smoke and heat moves upward and outward. Breaking the windows and/or cutting holes in the roof (called ventilation) stops the damaging outward movement and enables firefighters to fight the fire more efficiently, actually resulting in less damage to the structure and its contents. These types of ventilation also remove the extremely hot air and smoke from the building, making the job of the firefighter a little easier.

Q: How many calls for assistance does the Fire Company respond to each year?

A: Each year our call volume steadily increases. Total calls for service for 2018 was 572 responses. A majority of the responses are false alarms and motor vehicle crashes.



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Public Safety *continued*

- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year, and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished
- Make sure your gas appliances are vented properly
- Never use a gas oven for heating your home
- Never let a car idle in the garage

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounding

- Immediately move outside to fresh air
- Call 911
- Make sure everyone is out of the home or building
- Do not reenter the home or building until emergency responders clear the home or building

SANTA DAY

A great big Thank you to all our residents for your generous donations and treats you gave Santa and his elves. Our members look forward to this day every year. It is so much fun to see how excited everyone including our furry friends are to see Santa.

WEGMAN'S DONATION

A huge Thank you to Wegman's for their gracious donation of the apples, candy canes, dog treats and lunch for Santa and his elves for Santa Day. Santa Day is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this donation made it our best year.

FUNDRAISING

Look for our annual fund drive mailing in April. Your gracious donations help towards the fire companies annual operational expenses.

JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always in need of new volunteers to help us serve our Township. We have many different positions available administrative, firefighter, EMT and fire police. 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. All required training and equipment is provided FREE of charge.

Visit our website: <http://www.htvfc.org>.
 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
<https://www.facebook.com/HTVFCPA>

Q: How many fire trucks do you have at the fire station?

A: 3 Engines
 1 Ladder Truck
 1 Heavy Rescue Truck
 3 Utility Vehicles*

**Utility vehicles consist of a pick-up truck, one command vehicle, and one ATV.*

Q: Can I take a guided tour of the firehouse?

A: Yes. You can either come to the firehouse on any Monday evening at 7 p.m. during our weekly training sessions, or contact the firehouse at (610) 867-2103 and arrange a tour.

CRIME ALERT

The Colonial Regional Police are seeing an increase in thefts from motor vehicles in Hanover Township. The thefts are occurring with vehicles that are unlocked and the vehicle owners are leaving purses and wallets in the vehicles. The police have possible suspects which they are investigating. The most recent thefts have occurred in areas south of Macada Rd. The Colonial Regional Police request residents of Hanover Township always be vigilant and lock their vehicles and never leave any valuables in their cars. The police also request that if the residents of Hanover Township see anyone suspicious in their neighborhoods to call the police at 610-759-2200.

FAKE NEWS & ALTERNATE FACTS, POSTING ISSUES

In the last year we've grown accustomed to the terms "fake news" and "alternate facts". Over the past few year's blogs, twitter accounts, Facebook, etc. all offer 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), 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.

Additionally, please don't post issues on Facebook pages and expect Township staff to be monitoring them. If there is an issue, call the Township offices and it will be investigated.

Hanover Township Community Center

Recreation News

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com


HTCC

Hanover Day Community Carnival

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Wednesday, May 8: 6 pm – 9 pm

\$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Thursday, May 9: 6 pm – 9 pm

\$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Friday, May 10: 6 pm – 10 pm

Live Music, Tons of Special Event Sponsor Tables/Freebies

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 11. Stop by today and buy tickets!**

Upcoming Events

 March 30th

Spots Limited, Register Now

 June 6th

 June 8th

 June 10th

 June 17th

Registration is open for Parks, Camps and Pool Memberships, Swim Lessons and Programs

MARCH 1ST

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
Sunday, April 28th from 6 – 8 pm
Tuesday, April 30th from 11 am – 1 pm

Total cost: \$135

1st payment: \$75 @registration, 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! Questions?? Please call or stop in today and see Joan Steinberg!

Nutrition Series with Mary Ann

Sponsored by:  **Giant**

Three different programs...come to one or ALL THREE!

Members: FREE Non-member: FREE

Must pre-register 2 days prior to each program!

Tuesday, March 19th at 1pm

Anti-inflammatory Foods

Tuesday, April 23rd at 1pm

Cognitive Vitality

Tuesday, May 21st at 1pm

Build a Better Immune System

Soup & Salad and a Movie!

Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 12 Noon

Lunch at 12 Noon and Movie at 1:00 pm

Defending Your Life (1991)

(Meryl Streep, Albert Brooks, Rip Torn)

Members: \$5 Non-members: \$8

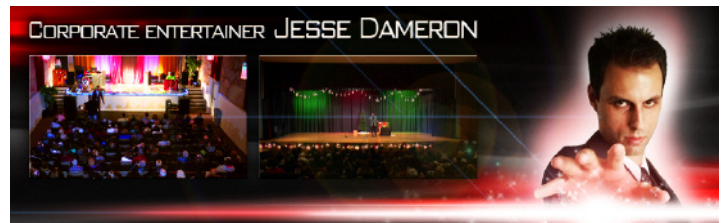


HTCC Sassy Sisters:

Ladies Social Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month for lunch at an area restaurant.

Must RSVP by the Friday before



Spring Social ~ Jesse Dameron, Mentalist



Thursday, March 28th, 2019 1:00pm

Light refreshments will be served!

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

Must pre-register at front desk by March 25th!

John Phillip Sousa Concert

Sunday, April 28th

Hanover Township Community Center

Start Time: 2:00 pm

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

Light refreshments provided!

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!

March 7th: Acquired Brain Injury Network of PA/BIAPA

(Brain Injury Awareness Month)

April 4th: Westminster Village Adult Day Care

May 2nd: Derek's Camp Flip Flop (Childhood Cancer)

****June 6th:** Pampered Chef Bingo**

Taking place instead of regular CASH monthly bingo. Games begin at 7 pm.

July 11th: Paws2Freedom

August 1st: Monocacy Farm Project

September 5th: Bethlehem Special Olympics

Women Move for Health Walking/Running Program and Annual Programs

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 21st 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 after March 7**

Hanover Women's 5K Walk/Run

- Saturday, June 1st @ 9 am

\$20 WMFH participant/early bird registration through 5/27

\$25 5/28 and beyond.

Gift to the first 100 women who register.



Lorie Khalil
PSU-LV Women's HEAD Coach
CO-ED Basketball Clinic



Friday, April 19th Ages 7-15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is an indoor activity clinic. This clinic is structured for players of all levels looking to improve their basketball skills.

Fees: \$25 per child

Call now to sign up or register online, www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

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. ***Egg Hunt requires pre-registering!***

Date: *Saturday - March 30, 2019*

(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 Wegmans Bethlehem!



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



Field Hockey Teams Forming in Hanover Township - Fall 2019

Hanover Township is forming its second youth program— Field Hockey for youth in grades K-6.

Teams will be playing in the NJPA youth field hockey league. What it entails: 1-2 practices per week and 1 game per week (home/away games).

Equipment: stick, goggles, cleats and shin pads

Hanover is currently looking to fill teams in the following divisions:

K/1st grade – exhibition

2nd, 3rd & 4th grade

5th & 6th grade



HTCC will be holding a “Play Date” for those interested in trying the sport out for the first time.

Date: Saturday, March 23rd **Time:** 12:00—1:00pm **Cost:** FREE

Registration for the team will be announced at a later date. Please continue to check our website or call for more information.

PATRIOTS DAY – Hanover, PA • September 11, 2018

SFC Alejandra Castillo, 213th Regional Support Group, Pennsylvania Army National Guard

Good evening! Thank you for the very nice welcome...

It's great to be here at the Hanover Community Center.

- Ms. Susan Lawless,
- Ms. Nicole Hamburg
- Friends, neighbors, fellow parents

I am honored to be here to speak about an important day in our nation's history, and a day that is very significant to me. September 11, 2001 had a profound impact on our country, on the Army National Guard and on my own life. Thank you for inviting me!

I am especially pleased to speak to you here at the Hanover Community Center because this organization has been so important in allowing me the opportunity to serve our country, and our state, and still be the best parent that I can be.

Without the staff here at the Community Center my deployment to Kandahar Afghanistan would have been much different, and more difficult for me and my family.

Your support was absolutely critical in my ability to do the job our nation needed from October 31st 2014 thru August 6th 2015

Everyone who was old enough to understand what was happening on September eleventh, 2001, knows where he or she was when it became clear that our country was under attack in New York City, Washington, DC and, Pennsylvania

We remember where we were, what we were doing and who we were with because we were impacted profoundly.

I was 16 years old, sitting in my Math class at William Allen High School. When one of the students ran thru the hallway screaming, "the twin towers in New York got hit!" The surprise attacks using commercial air liners were designed to shock every American. They did... We were being attacked on our homeland – something that did not seem possible. The enemy that planned and executed the attacks also wanted to break our will as a country. That's where they failed.

Despite the horrible damage they caused, and despite killing nearly three-thousand people, the terrorists who thought they would break our will actually caused the opposite reaction. The 9-eleven attacks united our country in ways it had not been united in years. American flags were displayed everywhere. It seemed that every car being driven in the Lehigh Valley was proudly displaying an American flag.



I have relatives in New York City. After the twin towers collapsed, we did what we could to contact our family members. But, normal communications were not available, and there was no telling when they might be restored. A week later, we drove to New York City, relieved to see our family members and help them cope with the reality of what happened right in their neighborhood.

On September tenth, 2001, if you had asked me what I wanted to do for a living after completing high school, I would have told you that I wanted to attend College and play field hockey. I certainly would not have told you that I wanted to make a full-time career in the Army National Guard.

The 9-eleven attacks had such an impact on me that I knew right away that I had to serve our country and our Commonwealth. As soon as I was old enough, about a year after the attacks, I signed up for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard – with my parents' approval. I was seventeen years old. After my junior year at William Allen High School, I went to Fort Leonardwood, Missouri for Army basic training. I then returned home to complete my senior year.

The 9-eleven attacks were in my mind all the time. There was no way to avoid thinking about the terrorists that plotted to attack our way of life. I was driven to do what I could to stop them. And I still am. That's why I continue to serve.

I will never forget when I was notified that I would be deploying as the Operations Sergeant for the sole Human Resources Company in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. I was placed with an amazing group of 24 Soldiers. Some of them were fresh out of high school, now on their way to Afghanistan. We had been tasked with completing Postal Operations, Casualty Operations, and the Personnel Accountability Missions in Support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom Sentinel.

In my opinion, the staff of both Hanover Elementary School and Hanover Community Center had a larger, more important mission. They were taking care of my children, my family and support system on a daily basis.

After traveling for approximately 2 weeks, on November 11th (Veterans Day) I had landed at Kandahar Airfield. My home, for the next 10 months. With the support of the

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FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Alarm System Owners:

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

Storm Drains:

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

Property Owners

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

Property owners who live on corner properties

should also be aware that you should not plant anything in the "Clear Site Triangle".

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb.

Proper clearance for pedestrians walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you. We recommend a 7' clearance.

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

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

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

PATRIOT DAY, *continued from page 9*

teachers, the staff and Mr. Lynch (the principle at Hanover) I was able to attend the Veterans Day assembly via webcam.

This allowed me to see my children for the first time since I had left home. Needless to say, it was an emotional moment. One I will treasure and hold with me forever. It was at that moment that I realized the deep rooted family values that the Community of Hanover really had. I was and am very proud to be a part of that. I am now the Human Resources Non Commissioned Officer In Charge at the 213TH Regional Support Group. This unit is headquartered in Allentown, PA. The 213TH supports logistic and sustainment operations.

Some of you might not be familiar with the role that the Pennsylvania Army National Guard plays in our national defense. You might be thinking that we are a state force that responds to natural disasters, such as the severe floods we've had this summer, or the massive snowstorms that we have every winter.

Yes, we do all of that, and we know that we play an important part in helping our neighbors make it through those difficult times. We live and work in the communities that we serve. The Army National Guard has a dual role. We serve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during peacetime, and we serve the Nation during times of war.

The deployments and training following the September 11th attacks in 2001 led to a better trained and experienced Army National Guard. Since then, we have been called on by three different presidents to deploy overseas to fight the Global War on Terror. In the seventeen years since the 9-eleven attacks, nearly 590-thousand Army National Guard Soldiers from throughout the country have deployed overseas in support of the War on Terror.

Right now, Pennsylvania Guard Soldiers are serving in varying theaters of operation, continuing the Keystone

Guard's contributions to national defense. Throughout our state and our country, National Guard Soldiers just like me are preparing to leave their regular jobs, and their families, to defend our country.

My fellow Citizen Soldiers are able to do what our country needs, because of strong community support, such as the support that you provided to me and my family.

Thank you for playing your part in supporting the defense of our country and for the opportunity of joining you at this very important ceremony. This is a great community, and I feel blest to be a part of it.

Those of you who are active in the community center play an important role in serving our community, our state and our country. Your support has helped make it possible for me to continue serving in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Thank you again for everything you've done for my family, for our community, for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and for our country!

You're all patriots! "Honor First!"

2019 Northampton County Festival

WHERE: Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA (East Side)

WHEN: Saturday, May 25th, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will hold the 2019 Northampton County Festival on Saturday, May 25th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Louise Moore Park. The Festival will feature food vendors, crafts, live entertainment, non-profit organizations, demonstrations, an awards program for County municipalities, and a presentation of colors.

For general information, contact DCED at 610-829-6310. Vendors and sponsors should contact Debi Rice at Fun-Nominal Events at 484-239-4925.



Preparing for PSATS 2019

by Michael J. Prendeville, Vice Chairman

Each year, the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, holds its annual convention in Hershey PA during April.

Hanover Township officials attend this conference to learn new trends in financial management, building code enforcement, land use management – which are just some of the many topics covered. Hanover Township officials are committed to continuous education along with the opportunity to liaise with other Township officials to understand the various issues that challenge local governments. For the last 3 years, I have attended these conferences and have always returned with valuable insights and ideas. I have also realized that many of the issues other Townships currently face, are in Hanover's rear view mirror. That is the power of being proactive, which is one of the many attributes of Hanover which makes this a great place to live.

If you are not familiar with PSATS, their website <https://www.psats.org> describes their charter as: "The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is committed to preserving and strengthening township government by lobbying state and federal lawmakers and educating and informing its members through workshops, an annual conference and trade show, and award-winning publications."

Hanover Township is committed to being proactive when it comes to the ever-changing legislative landscape, issue mitigation, and implementation of best demonstrated practices. PSATS not only holds an annual convention, but also serves as an information clearinghouse providing timely communications on changing legislation. PSATS also provides lobbying, legislative research and analysis along with influencing policy development.

Myself, along with others planning to attend this year's session, look forward the learnings and new discoveries that await us.

Hanover Township Dog Park and Dog Waste

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



When the Dog Park opened we began allowing dogs in all our parks. Most recently we've noticed that some individuals are not cleaning up after their dogs. Please be more attentive to this or we'll be forced to close our parks to dogs again. We appreciate your cooperation.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

- Re-elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- Re-elected Michael Prendeville
- Re-appointed James Broughal Township Solicitor
- Re-appointed Brien Kocher as Township Engineer
- Re-appointed Barbara L. Baldo, Esq. to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Re-appointed Evan J. Diacogiannis to the Recreation Advisory Board

REPUBLIC SERVICES

Residential Waste & Recycling

If you have an issue with the collection of your Residential Waste & Recycling please call the Republic Services Customer Service Line at 484-273-3940. Please describe your issue and obtain the following information:

1. Issue
2. Date of Call
3. Time of Call
4. Republic Services representatives name
5. Expected Resolution Date & Time

If your issue isn't resolved timely, please contact the Township Offices at 610.866.1140 and we'll follow up on your behalf with Republic Services. By providing us with items 1-5 it will assist us following up with Republic's Leadership Team.

What You Can Do to Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution at Home

- Winter Pollution Prevention Practices -

Do employ these simple practices during winter weather to prevent 'stormwater pollution' — (Stormwater pollution is a major cause of water pollution in our urban and suburban streams.)

Shovel snow first to remove it from paved surfaces, like driveways and sidewalks, before applying snow melt and deicing products.

Pile shoveled snow downslope of paved surfaces to help prevent icy and slippery conditions on pavement as snow melts and refreezes.

Shovel snow onto lawn and vegetated areas where melting snow can soak into the ground.

Limit the use of deicing chemicals and products on sidewalks and driveways since they can readily flow into storm drains and streams as ice melts. When deicing products that contain salt and other constituents, dissolve, they seep into ground water and flow into streams where they can impair water quality, diminish soil fertility, damage plants, and harm aquatic life.

Use environmentally-friendly alternatives, such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash, to avoid the need for products that can have damaging impacts and be harmful to the environment.

Take a 'Snow Day' — work at home or postpone errands on snow days avoiding trips on the road to help your community clear roads safely, possibly limiting the need for excessive road salting and deicing.

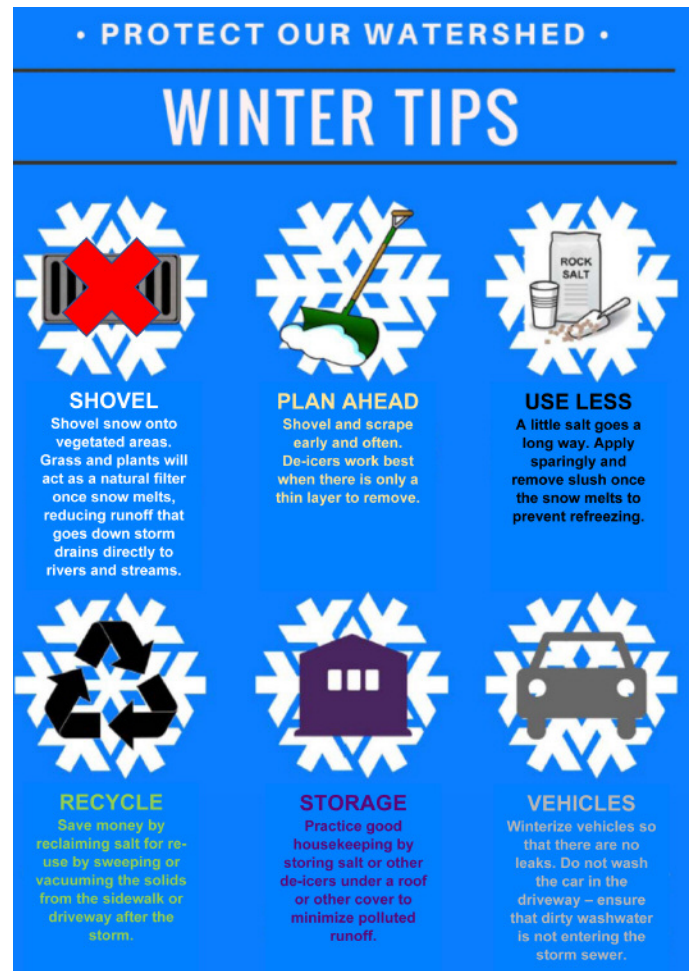
Sweep up after snowmelt — Sweep and dispose of residual sand, grit, and litter to help prevent accumulation in streets and roadside ditches; clogged storm drains and culverts; and sediment pollution in streams.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

During a "Snow Emergency" parking of motor vehicles on Township roads is not permitted. Vehicles found on Township streets are subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owners expense.

Please assist with Township Snow Operations by removing your vehicles from Township streets.

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 (\$75 fine) or towed at the owner's expense.** (§172-29 of the



Keep gutters and drainage pathways clear and free of debris to prevent snowmelt from backing up and forming ice in places where you want runoff to flow freely.

Direct, or route, snowmelt runoff into nearby gardens and vegetated areas before applying salt and deicing products.

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.)

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Additionally, those living in or near a cul-de-sac are reminded of the following:

Section 172-23 of the Codified Ordinances states the following: Parking in culs-de-sac prohibited. No vehicle shall be parked in any cul-de-sac:

A. During periods of snowfall or ice accumulation required to be plowed or cindered until such precipitation is removed; or

B. During times of scheduled garbage pickup or leaf collection.

To register for an Email Alert from Hanover Township, visit www.hanovertwp-nc.org.

LEHIGH VALLEY DATA

Some interesting data points from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC). If you are interested in more information the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has an abundance of information on their website: www.lvpc.org Reports you may be interested in are: Climate & Energy Element, 1 LV, 1 H2O, Green Infrastructure Guidelines, Monocacy Creek Watershed Land Use/Water Quality Assessment & Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan. The entire DATA LV is available on the LVPC wesite.

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission DATA LV	Lehigh Valley	Hanover (NC) Township	Bethlehem Township	East Allen	Hanover (LC) Township	Lower Nazareth
Total Population	659,312	11,352	23,800	4,855	1,716	5,905
People Per Square Mile	923	1,708	1,623	333	408	435
Median Age	41.3	46.7	47.2	49.3	35.3	45.1
\$ Median Household Income	\$60,441	\$88,991	\$75,956	\$73,333	\$53,550	\$98,640
% Below Poverty Line	11.20%	4.6%	3.1%	2.8%	15.1%	3.1%
% Associates Degree or Higher	37.50%	53.1%	46.6%	31.3%	33.5%	50.9%
\$ Median Home Value	\$200,000	\$282,400	\$242,200	\$214,400	\$142,600	\$291,200
% of Home Owners	68.30%	80.3%	86.1%	90.2%	47.2%	90.9%
\$ Median Rent	\$819	\$1,195	\$1,031	\$591	\$961	\$913
Average Travel Time to Work (minutes)	27.9	25.2	28.3	24.2	19.7	27.3
% of Transit, Walk, Bike to Work	4.90%	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	2.3%	1.5%
% Employment	60%	59.2%	61.0%	60.1%	64.5%	67.2%

2019 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	55.97	\$2,798.50*
County of Northampton	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$100,000	55.97	\$5,597.00*
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	55.97	\$8,395.50*
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

* *Italic indicates an increase*

RECYCLING NEWS

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected approximately 1,055 tons of Leaves and 645 tons of Yard Waste in 2018. In 2017 the department collected 1,065 tons of Leaves and 545 tons of Yard Waste.

YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2019 Yard Waste Calendar should have been delivered to your home the first week of January. The calendar is also available on-line at: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/sites-hanover/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/18231832/2019-Yard-Waste-Schedule-Website.pdf>



The 2019-20 Session is Underway

by State Rep. Marcia Hahn
138th Legislative District

Thank you to everyone who supported me in November and has again sent me to Harrisburg as your voice from the 138th Legislative District. While the vote was not unanimous, my job is to represent all my constituents and vote according to their best interests. Such a responsibility is humbling.

As I write this, I am awaiting the complete list of my committee assignments. The one appointment I do know of is my assignment to the House Appropriations Committee for a second consecutive term. This bipartisan committee's primary focus involves developing the state budget.

Our first responsibility will quickly follow Gov. Tom Wolf's February 5th address to the state Legislature. The following week, the committee will begin the three-week process of hearing testimony from various state agencies that are funded by the budget. The committee will have the opportunity to question them about their spending practices, to gauge levels of appropriation going forward.

For the second consecutive term, I have been appointed deputy chairman of the House Majority Policy Committee, which is led by Rep. Donna Oberlander (R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest). The committee conducts hearings and roundtable discussions about important statewide and regional issues that matter most to Pennsylvania citizens; gathers testimony and information from key stakeholders; and works within the House Republican Caucus to develop policies to address those issues. The Policy Committee also works in tandem with the speaker and majority leader to examine and refine critical pieces of legislation in advance of floor consideration.

While every member of the General Assembly represents a specific district, most of the legislation we must consider has statewide impact. The responsibilities associated with serving on the Policy Committee provide me with one more way to get a closer look at the issues that matter most to all Pennsylvanians.

It is an honor to again be asked to serve my colleagues and constituents in this capacity. Among the issues I hope to study further is school property taxes, which are and have been a burden on Lehigh Valley residents for quite some time. As this is not an important issue for every Pennsylvanian, my goal is to find a solution that will get the necessary 102 votes to pass the House.

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Harrisburg Update

Senator Scavello Sworn in to Second Term

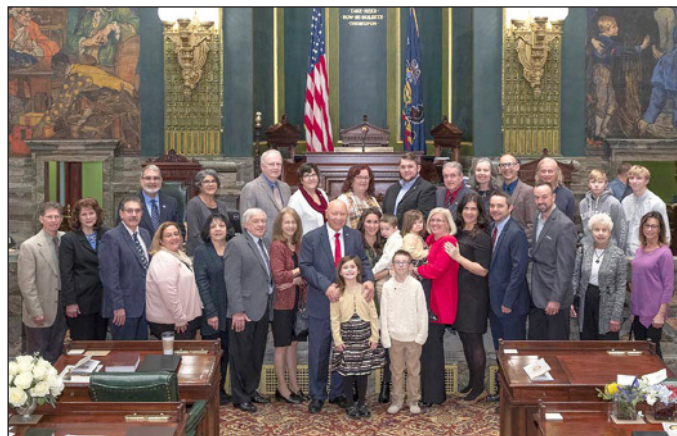
by State Senator Mario M. Scavello,
40th Senatorial District,
Northampton & Monroe Counties



On January 1st, I had the honor of being sworn in for my second term as State Senator for the 40th Senatorial District (parts of Northampton & Monroe counties). It was a privilege to have my family and many friends and supporters join me for the ceremony in the State Capitol building. I am humbled by your continued support and look forward to working together over the next four years on behalf of our communities.

As the new legislative session gets underway, many bills are currently being introduced or reintroduced in the Senate. I have already been added as a prime sponsor of school property tax elimination legislation and I plan to also re-introduce my elimination proposal in the near future. There are many issues I am working on, including legislation to bolster economic development and job creation; continue improving our roads and bridges; enhance the tourism industry; diversify our energy portfolio through solar energy; improve prevention and treatment of tick-borne illness; and address critical environmental issues including the land application of sewage sludge and contaminated fill material.

I will provide you with regular updates as we continue to progress on these various issues in the weeks and months ahead and I welcome your feedback on any area of concern to you. If you have not already, I would encourage you to sign up for my weekly email newsletter at www.senatorscavello.com and follow "Senator Mario Scavello" on Facebook. You can also reach out to me directly at my Northampton County district office at 610-863-1200 for assistance on any state related issue.



Northampton County residents for swearing in ceremony including Mr. & Mrs. Diacogiannis and Finnigan.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY ORDINANCE

On September 25, 2018 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 18-5 CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 82 FIREWORKS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH of the Township of Hanover. The highlights of the ordinance which apply to individuals in the Township are as follows: The entire Chapter 82 can be viewed online at <https://www.ecode360.com/33637591>

§82-11. Consumer Fireworks; Conditions of Use

- A. A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this Article may purchase, possess and use Consumer Fireworks;
- B. Consumer Fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged in the Township, except during the following dates and times:
 - (1) July 3rd 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM
 - (2) July 4th 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM
 - (3) July 5th 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM
 - (4) December 31st 4:00 PM to 11:59 PM
 - (5) January 1st 12:00 AM to 12:30 AM
 - (6) January 1st 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM

The use of Consumer Fireworks is strictly prohibited at all other times.

C. Prohibition. A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

- (1) Consumer Fireworks on public or private property without the express written permission of the owner;
- (2) Consumer Fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw Consumer Fireworks or sparkling devices from a motor vehicle or building;
- (3) Consumer Fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person;
- (4) Consumer Fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug;
- (5) Consumer Fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

§82-12. Enforcement; Violations and Penalties.

- A. This Chapter shall be enforced by the Police Department with jurisdiction in the Township.
- B. Any person, co-partnership, association or corporation who violates this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$5,000.00, plus the costs of prosecution.

The entire Chapter 82 can be viewed online at <https://www.ecode360.com/33637591>

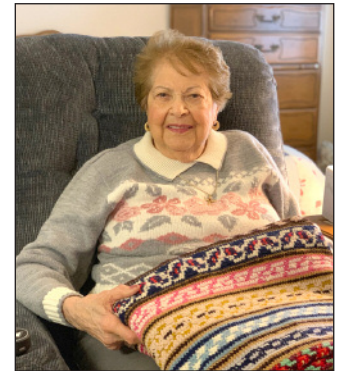
Celebrating Milestones at TRADITIONS OF HANOVER!

Traditions of Hanover is proud to announce that in April we will be celebrating not one but two special birthdays! Mary T and Helen K are both turning 100 years young. Both ladies have a young and vibrant mindset!

When speaking to Mary she shared that her door was always open for anyone in need, a cup of coffee

or something to eat. Mary's son said "her kindness to people was evident in everything she did.... Mary had to buy a new kitchen table to accommodate all the visitors!". When asked one piece of advice Mary "eat right, cook for yourself even if you are in high heels, keep regular hours, and enjoy yourself!" Her mother told Mary, "Buy the best food for your stomach and cheap clothing for your body." Mary lives by those words.

Helen was born in Denmark. She shared "Coming to America on the boat from Denmark and seeing the sunset was the most beautiful thing ever." Helen loved to travel and her best advice to others is, "Enjoy life and follow your dreams!"



Mary T

PRUNING

The dormant season is the perfect time to prune trees for shape and safety. Two tips to remember:

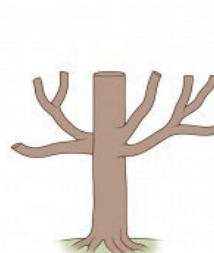
1. NEVER TOP A TREE

There is no value in topping except in the pocket book of the person who did it.

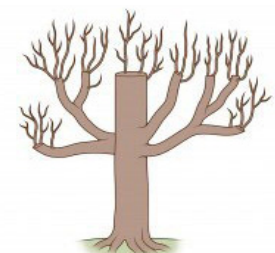
Within a few years, a topped tree will be the same size it had been before, with weak shoots instead of strong branches.

2. Hire an ISA certified arborist who knows how to properly prune a tree. Ask to see the ISA certification.

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



Topped Tree



Growth After Topping

ASA PACKER

by Jacqui Fortsch

School News

HANOVER

by Tanya Doddy, President

The students and staff of Asa Packer Elementary School would like to wish the entire Hanover Township community a Happy, Healthy New Year!

At Asa Packer, the teachers and staff continue to promote academic growth for their students, both in and out of the classroom. One of highlights was the students' recent performance in the First in Math program, which is used to reinforce basic math facts. Asa was ranked 43rd in the Top 100 First in Math schools in the nation! Programs like these develop Asa Packer students into effective learners, with a strong foundation that benefits them throughout their academic career. We continue to round out the academic curriculum with the "Leader in Me" program, which uses Stephen Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" as a basis to help students develop leadership skills both in and out of the classroom.

Outside the classroom, students had plenty of learning opportunities as well. K-2 students got an up close and personal experience with reptiles when Rizzo's Wildlife World paid the school a visit, while grades 3-5 spent time on Lehigh University's campus to attend a Lehigh Women's Basketball game. The Kellyn Foundation continues to spend time at our school, teaching students how to develop healthy habits by incorporating real and locally grown food into their everyday choices. The school enjoyed a visit by author/illustrator Kevin McCloskey, who wrote such books as *Snails are Just My Speed!* and *We Dig Worms!*, and students were able to hear and ask questions about Mr. McCloskey's experiences as an author. To further their appreciation of the arts, fourth grade students attended a Philharmonic performance, while fifth graders watched a performance of the Nutcracker.

Asa Packer has also been busy hosting and participating in many activities to benefit both our school and surrounding communities. At our Veteran's Day Assembly, we celebrated our school veteran community, and raised funds to donate to a local veteran's organization. We kicked off the holiday season with our Winter Concert, where students in Kindergarten and 4th grades, as well as band students, had the chance to show off their musical talents. The staff also hosted a Wonderland Workshop to treat students and their families to a night of crafts, stories, snacks, and a movie. Liberty High School students hosted a Mini-Mini Thon for Asa Packer students, and the Nitschmann Jazz Band visited to perform some holiday tunes. The Girls on the Run club finished their 5k at DeSales University, while the Asa

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

As the cold weather sets in we can reflect on the amazing first part of the school year!

Our students and staff were part of an energy, fun filled Harvest Day celebration. Our community partner, Copperhead Grille hosted our Dine and Donate in November.

The Hanover Singers from 4th and 5th Grade sang the National Anthem on December 7th at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms Game and did an amazing job!

The calendar of events and happenings is full of opportunities for the students and families to complete community outreach projects and numerous PTA and Student Council sponsored activities.

We will strive to be a "No Place For Hate" school as we complete projects throughout the year to obtain the "No Place For Hate" designation. The program is designed to teach tolerance, learn about diversity and acceptance for all. On January 24th, 2019, Melvin from the Lehigh Valley Phantoms spoke to our students and staff about bullying.

Our PTA will host movie night on February 1st and the fun will continue throughout the winter and spring!

Thank you to the staff members, students, PTA, parents, and community partners for being part of our recipe for success. We look forward to another year filled with academic and personal growth as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks.

Student Council sponsored a Pajama Day at the school and donated the funds they collected to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Our community focus will remain strong during the month of January, as we collect items to donate to The CHEMO Bag organization, who uses the items to give comforting gift bags to Lehigh Valley men and women undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Asa Packer is excited to start 2019 strong, and looks forward to seeing our students learn and grow both in and out of the classroom this year! You can follow their activities and achievements by visiting our website (<http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/asapacker/>) or on Twitter (@AsaPackerBASD).



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2019



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENTS

9am-12pm

Electronics Collection events are intended for Northampton County **RESIDENTS ONLY**.

Fees apply for recycling most electronics.



BATTERIES

Lead Acid Batteries No Charge
Household Batteries \$0.75/lb.



BULBS

Fluorescent Bulbs \$0.25/each
Specialty Bulbs \$2.00/each
(Metal Halide, High Intensity Discharge, High Pressure Sodium)



COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

Computers/Laptops/Servers No Charge
Media— Audio/Visual Tapes \$0.50/each
Printers/ Scanners \$5/each



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Microwave \$5/each



TELEVISIONS & MONITORS –Must be intact

LCD TVs & LCD/Plasma Monitors \$10/each
CRT TVs & Monitors - 20" or smaller \$20/each
CRT TVs & Monitors - 21" or larger \$40/each
Projection Televisions \$50/each
Console Televisions \$50/each



MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: \$1/each

- 35 mm Slide Projectors
- Alarm Clock
- Answering Machine
- Calculator
- Camera
- CD Players/Recorder
- Dictation Equipment
- Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- Electric Razors
- Electronic Typewriter
- Fax Machine
- Joy Sticks
- Microphone
- Modem
- Movie Projector
- Pager
- Power Tool
- Radio
- Record Player
- Stereo/Walkman
- Stereo Speaker
- Tape Recorder/Deck
- VCR
- Video Game Consoles

MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: No Charge

- Circuit Boards
- Keyboards & Mice
- Cables & Cords
- Toner & Ink Cartridges

April 13th

WM Grand Central Landfill
910 W Pennsylvania Ave.
Pen Argyl 18072

April 27th

Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr.
Easton 18042

May 4th

Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink
345 Illicks Mill Rd.
Bethlehem 18017

September 14th

Easton Recycling Center
500 Bushkill Dr.
Easton 18042

September 21st

Forks Twp. Public Works Facility
100 Newlins Rd. East
Easton 18040

October 5th

Northampton Community Center
1601 Laubach Ave.
Northampton 18067

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**2019
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SALES**

Save the Dates:

**Jan. 30 & Feb. 2
March 27 & 30
May 15 & 18
July 17 & 20**

**September 11 & 14
December 4 & 7**
Wednesdays noon-8PM
Saturdays 10AM-4PM

Mark your calendar for a full year of BAPL's famously fantastic book sales!

Each sale features **over 15,000 gently used titles** to choose from, including fiction and nonfiction for children and adults, plus movies and music. Sales are Wednesdays and Fridays at the Main Library. (We need two full days between each sale to restock because we receive so many donations!) Our Saturday sales are less congested and great for browsing.

Come to a BAPL Book Sale and find out why we're **"the best book sale in the Lehigh Valley!"** Find out more at bestbooksale.org.

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**you can sign up
for your library
card online?**

Fill out the form online at www.bapl.org/online-library-card/ and we'll send you your library card in the mail. Once you receive it, you can start using the library's fantastic digital collections and resources right away. Including:

- eBooks,
- eAudiobooks,
- online magazines,
- Kanopy streaming films, and
- many online databases and archives!

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

bapl.org
is always open!

NO KNOCK ORDINANCE

Recently the Board of Supervisors updated the Township's Peddling & Soliciting Ordinance. The Ordinance now allows residents/homeowners to register for a "Do Not Knock List". Being on the list will indicate to peddlers and solicitors that you wish not to be disturbed.

Once you register with the Township, and pay a \$20.00 fee, you will be furnished with a decal (above) to place in a visible location near your front door as an indication that you are on the Township Do Not Knock List.

You need to supply the Township with the following information: Name(s), Address, City, State, Zip Code, Email Address & Phone Number.

There are exceptions to the Do Not Knock List and they are:

The following persons are exempted from the requirements of this Ordinance:

A. Persons soliciting contributions on behalf of organizations or nonprofit corporations in compliance with the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Reform Act.

B. Persons soliciting funds or canvassing permitted under the Pennsylvania Election Code.

C. Children under the age of 18 years who take orders for and delivery of newspapers, greeting cards, candy, bakery products and the like, or who represent the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or similar organizations.

D. Activities of insurance agents or brokers authorized to transact business under the insurance laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and activities of real estate brokers or agents licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

E. Any person that is merely proselytizing for a religion or distributing political handbills at no cost, or exercising the right to anonymous religious or political speech without soliciting any funds and without selling any goods.

If you wish to register your property, the Township offices are open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

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.

Harrisburg Update — *Hahn continued*

Last session, I joined state Rep. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe/Pike) to sponsor House Bill 2329, which would have increased the state Personal Income Tax (PIT) by 1.72 percent to cover the amount needed to offset owner-occupied residential school property taxes. We are working on re-introducing the legislation, which would enable school districts to exclude up to 100 percent of a homeowner's school property tax bill. A slight

increase to the PIT in exchange for this elimination offers stability in funding our schools, while offering an extreme benefit to our homeowners. This type of legislation is critical and absolutely necessary.

State Rep. Bryan Cutler from Lancaster County is our new House majority leader. He has set a good tone in a relatively short period of time, especially with his focus on jobs related to vocational education. I'm looking forward to working with him and working for you these next two years.

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Hanover Township Newsletter

3630 Jacksonville Road

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017-9302

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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, September, October and November on the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY; June, 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.