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Hanoverview

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A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE TOP

by Supervisor John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman

These last six months have not been very easy on any of us. So many people have lost their health and even their lives. I dare say that nearly everyone knows friends or neighbors who have either had COVID-19, perhaps died from complications or are valiant medical services heroes who risked their health and lives to render aid to the stricken.

Stress and anxiety has made this a year from hell for almost everybody. Your Board of Supervisors and Township staff has not been immune to any of this. We had very difficult, emotional and heartbreaking decisions to make. We took solace in that our primary concern was the health and safety of our employees, residents and guests. We had friends and neighbors who were not so fortunate. One of our Supervisors tested positive but he fortunately fully recovered. Many of our employees had spouses who were unemployed, kids being taught in a virtual setting, virtual religious ceremonies, even drive by funerals. Certain essential items in short supply taxed our shopping strategies. Our life disrupted because of an unseen virus.

Amongst all of this, our office and public works staff managed to get through some serious work conditions. Having been deemed essential workers, they were needed to complete their duties and tasks with the overabundance of precaution. They made it clear that they appreciated the work when so much around them was being shut down. At the same time, we were all concerned about their health and the wellbeing of their families. This was all new to everyone and procedures were evaluated on the fly. Cleaning procedures and sanitization methods were adapted and still in use today. Masking and social distancing is required. Initially, every effort was made to keep individual workers separated, which



included staggered work starts and stops. Now both the road and the parks/public property crews work on a split schedule. The two team leaders plan and issue individual work assignments in advance, eliminating a congregation of teams at the start of each day. Only one person is allowed per vehicle, which presents a challenge when we need 5 or 6 people on

an assignment, but we have to roll 5 or 6 vehicles when fewer would suffice. The use of specialized vehicles, such as the bucket truck, for normal transportation could constrain deployment of that vehicle for specific work. Once at the job site, social distance needs to be maintained. That becomes a problem when you need two or more people working closely to accomplish the task. Equipment and ingenuity will win the day. One of the most visible examples is the yard waste operations. That normally requires a three man crew - a driver and two loaders. They would rotate assignments among the three. Under the social distancing rule, there was only one loader and the driver could not help. The wear and tear on the loader affected not only work progress but the loader's well-being. The situation was somewhat improved by having a third worker drive to the yard waste crew to relieve one of the workers on a rotating basis. This limited the time that any one person was a loader. This is but one example of the crews doing their best to maintain safety while accomplishing the task.

After a very difficult month or two, several of the crew reached out with thanks and appreciation. Manager Jay Finnigan received the following message from a long-time employee:

"From the start of this pandemic, you were on top of it, but not all shared your enthusiasm, Most of the residents understood it, but as you

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MANAGER'S CORNER *by Jay Finnigan*



Since being appointed the Township Manager over fifteen years ago, there has been no period of time that has been more stressful and anxiety filled than the last six months. It is ironic that both the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Diacogiannis and EMS Director Peters highlighted both stress and anxiety in this edition of the Hanoverview.

COVID-19 has challenged the staff and residents in ways never thought of or anticipated in anyone's wildest dreams. To protect your staff we changed hours for the public works department and office personnel to protect them from the virus. Public works staff spread their eight hour shifts between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the office staff between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We limited vehicle use to one person to a vehicle and pushed off work that required numerous individuals to participate in to complete the task.

Throughout these past months your Township staff has gone above and beyond to keep the Township property maintained and safe for use even if it was "At Your Own Risk".

Based on various sources of public information, CDC guidelines and PA Department of Health Directives hard, and in some instances controversial decisions were made. However, if one individual was spared from contracting COVID-19, being placed on a ventilator or even worse succumbing to the disease, I'll stand by the decisions I recommended.

My wife and I have had parents of friends die as a result of the disease, a childhood friend spent fifty-two (52) days on a ventilator in a Connecticut hospital and another spent twenty-two (22) days in a Philadelphia hospital. I'm sure many of you have similar stories of those that have survived and those that have lost the battle.

Individuals have asked what my agenda is. Well, I have never had an agenda and don't plan on developing one to satisfy individuals' desires. I have objectives that I lived by since becoming the Township Manager. First, and foremost it is to provide the highest quality services in the most efficient manner. Secondly, it is to protect the Township staff so they remain healthy performing their tasks. Thirdly, it is to continue Hanover's status as a Great Place to Live, Work and Play for our residents, business community and visitors.

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know it's easy to judge from your computer and not be in your position. I'm glad also the staff started to come around and understand the seriousness of what was happening. From my standpoint, you did a great job and were way ahead of others in the area and state concerning our safety and welfare. Not, like i said were you on top of safety concerns, but also between you and the supervisors we were able to maintain our positions at work and still keep our finances in check, I know a lot are not in the same position."

We have a fantastic and dedicated public works department. I perhaps am close in spirit to them since my very first job in high school was as a laborer in the City of Bethlehem Parks Department. You "Festers" out there can thank me and my colleagues for the extraordinary cleanup that we did under the HTH bridge. You would not have believed the previous conditions under there. I'm constantly amazed at our crews' ability to solve some complex problems and issues that they face nearly every day. Under Public Works Director Vince Milite, they are supervised by two team leaders. Marty Limpar is the road crew leader and Jim Skinner is the parks and public property crew leader. Without a doubt, the crews would like to return to some degree of normalcy. Until then, they do their absolute best for all of us. Thank you guys! We will get there!

Water & Sewer

The City of Bethlehem provides public water and sewer service for the majority of the Township. If you have an issue with either of these utilities, such as discolored water, contact them directly at (610) 865-7074.



If you live south of Route 22, your water provider is Utilities, Inc. and their contact number is (800) 638-0262.

Street Lights

The street lights in the Township are owned and operated by PPL. If a street light is out you can call PPL directly. The PPL street light outage number is 1.800.342.5775, option 1, option 4. To report the outage you will need the pole or light number.

PPL owned street lights (utility poles or individual lights) should all have a yellow or silver sticker at eye level with two sets of numbers on them. If the stickers are missing you can report an outage by the closest address.

COVID-19 & TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

by Supervisor Michael J. Prendeville



During the last several weeks, I had the opportunity to speak with many Hanover Township businesses regarding the impact of COVID-19 and its impact on their businesses. I spoke with many different types of businesses to understand the issues that have impacted them

the most. Not surprisingly, shortage of revenue and labor ranked at the top of their concerns. Most of the businesses agreed that the shortage of labor was largely driven by the stimulus package wherein people were paid more to stay home. Even though those benefits have expired, almost of the businesses I spoke with cited that labor shortages continue which could point to continued concerns over the virus itself. With the exception of a large food retailer, all businesses reported a steep decline in revenues ranging from 30% to 60%. For retail businesses, expanding their internet business was a top priority to offset the decline in revenues. The third most cited difficulty were interruptions to the supply chain. The owners that I spoke with shared instances of materials sporadically not being available, if at all.

The overall impression that was shared with me is that business seems to be getting better, albeit slowly. For food preparation related businesses, workers returning to corporate offices will be the key element in getting back to a sense of normal. Most owners expressed a sense of optimism in that the worst may be over however another lockdown will be nothing short of catastrophic. Our local businesses are a critical ingredient in our community, please support them and shop local when you can.

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE

by Supervisor John "Jack" Nagle



There will be many changes coming within 2021 for the CRPD. First and foremost, will be the impending retirement of Chief Seiple sometime by mid-2021. Chief has been with the Force for its entire 25 year history after a career with the Nazareth Police Department. More on his retirement in a later article.

As the previous paragraph states, the CRPD is 25 years old! Time flies. There will be an anniversary celebration at a future time. As you might recall, there is this virus thing going on messing up everyone's lives.

One of the great challenges that the CRPD will be facing, not only in 2021, but in the immediate years to come, will be a shortage of viable candidates. With the current issues going on around the country at this time, fewer and fewer people are interested in becoming police officers. This fact strikes home as approximately 25% of our Force is expected to retire in the next 3 or 4 years. We will need new officers. And as you know, the CRPD only accepts the best! Our standards will NOT be lowered!

To give you an idea of what our hiring process looked like at the end of 2019 as we were looking to fill two new positions.

- ❖ 20 applied (which is less than half of the number of applications that we usually get)
- ❖ 17 took written exam, 1 failed
- ❖ 16 took fitness exam, 4 failed
- ❖ 12 scheduled for Oral Evaluation, 1 was a no show, 4 failed
- ❖ 7 were on the eligibility list
- ❖ Top 5 were given polygraphs
- ❖ Top 2 were hired and started on the job in February

Obviously, with the above statistics and the number of potential openings, it will take extensive work to find the very best candidates. However, I am confident that we will be able to fill the openings.



MEDICATION DISPOSAL

The Rite Aid Foundation and KidCents donated a medication disposal box that has been placed in the vestibule of the Township Building. This will supplement the box that is located at the Colonial Regional Police Station so residents can place their unwanted or expired medications in the drop box. This will prevent dangerous accidents with children in your household or just a safe disposal site.

ACCEPTED: Prescription medications (Scheduled II-V controlled and non-controlled substances*) & over-the-counter medications*

NOT ACCEPTED: Illegal Drugs, Needles, Lotions or Liquids, Inhalers, Aerosol Cans, Thermometers or Hydrogen Peroxide.

* Common dosage forms such as tablets, capsules, ointments and patches. Not intended for US Mail and garbage disposal.

ELECTION 2020 *by Supervisor Susan Lawless, Esq.*



Although elections are held every year, those years that involve a presidential election draw more attention and, generally, larger voter turnout. The last general election held in November 2016 saw long but orderly lines at the polling stations in the Township. Despite that fact that this year's election

will take place in the midst of a pandemic, Township voters will have a safe and reliable means of voting whether by mail-in ballot or in-person voting.

The application forms to register to vote, update one's registration or obtain a mail-in or absentee ballot, can be obtained at the Election's Office, located on the Lower Level of Northampton County Courthouse at 669 Washington Street, Easton, PA or online at <https://www.votespa.com>. If you are not yet registered to vote, are already a citizen and will be eighteen years old on or before November 3, 2020, you can register as a first-time voter by filling out the registration form and submitting it on or before October 19, 2020.

The process of mailing out ballots to voters is slated to begin at the end of September. A number of safeguards exist to insure the reliability of voting by mail. Each ballot must be returned in its individualized return envelope which is barcoded to each specific voter. The voter is also required to sign the declaration on the back of this envelope in order for it to be counted. Only one ballot per qualified register voter can be counted. Voters who applied online for their ballot will receive automatic email notifications regarding the status of their ballot including when it was received and processed by the Elections Office. Voters who applied by mail can check the status of their ballot on-line at <https://www.votespa.com>. If you can't remember if you signed up to receive a ballot for the general election when you applied in the Spring, the status of your ballot will be "pending" indicating that you do not need to re-apply.

Any Voter who has not yet applied for a ballot, can apply, vote, and return their ballot all in one trip at the County Elections Office starting October 1st.

Voters who wish to mail in their completed ballots should read the instructions before completing the ballot and are encouraged to mail the completed ballots as soon as possible, preferably no later than October 20, 2020. Your completed ballot should be placed in the secrecy envelope before placing it in the provided return envelope. Voters should take care not to make any marks on the outside of the secrecy envelope, this may result in the ballot being

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BUDGET 2021

The Township staff is busy preparing the 2021 Budget that will need to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors by December 15, 2020 based on the schedule developed by the Township Treasurer. By the time you are reading this newsletter staff will have provided the Board of Supervisors with some preliminary numbers and received feedback from the members.

2020 has presented many challenges as a result of the pandemic. The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) has been providing the Township with information indicating that they fully expect 2020 revenues to be 20-25% behind 2019's and 2021's to be down up to 30%. As a result of these predictions, capital purchases and expenses were placed on hold. Two fully equipped Chevy 3500 dump trucks with plows and spreaders were not purchased. An ambulance for the fire company was delayed at least until 2021 and a fire apparatus scheduled to be replaced has been delayed until 2022.

The directive staff has received from the board consistently for the past twenty years is not to increase the mil rate. With an expanding tax base and cutting costs where applicable, the tax rate has remained at 3.9 mils for the last 13 years. With the predictions of decreased revenues for the foreseeable future maintaining a stable mil rate may be a challenge.

Fortunately, the Township has unrestricted reserves that it may be able to tap into to bridge the gap for the next few years. The reserves come nowhere close to the numbers thrown around social media sites. The majority of the reserves, in excess of 87%, are restricted by statute as to what they can be used for. Technically, the unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amounts available for budgeting future operations. The reserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes.

The legal process for the 2021 budget is as follows: presented to the Board of Supervisors by October 13th, questions and discussion by the board October 20th, authorize the 30 day advertising period of the budget by November 10th and final approval December 15th.

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rejected. Return envelopes included with the ballots do not indicate party affiliation and do not require you to apply postage. These envelopes will already be metered with first class postage by the County.

Anyone worried about getting a mail-in ballot back to the Elections Office on time, may deliver it in person to the Election's Office. Such ballots must be returned to the Election's Office by 8 p.m. on November 3rd. If you, as the voter, cannot return your ballot in person, obtain a copy of the "Certification of Designated Agent" form from Northampton County Elections Webpage under the "mail-in ballot". The designated agent should bring identification with him or her when depositing the ballot. As an added convenience, a secure ballot drop-off box will be available in the Rotunda of the Government Center, also located at 669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042. There is loading zone parking available close to the entrance, and extended weekday and Saturday hours will be announced shortly.

If you have requested a mail-in ballot but change your mind and decide to vote in person for any reason, you should bring the mail-in ballot and the return envelope to the polls. The Judge of Election will spoil the ballot, ask you to sign an Elector's declaration form, and allow you to sign in and vote on the machine. You cannot utilize your polling location as a ballot drop off site.

Hanover Township has 4 polling places. The Community Center will remain a polling place for Districts #4 and #6. For those who voted at the Brith Sholom Synagogue for many years, the polling place for District #1 is now Advent Moravian Church located at 3730 Jacksonville Road. District #2 will still vote at Asa Packer Elementary School, 1650 Kenwood Drive and Districts #3 and #5 will again vote at Hanover Township Elementary School on Jacksonville Road.

The ExpressVote XL machines, introduced in November 2019 were recalibrated after that election and performed very well in the June 2020 primary. The 315 machines that will be used throughout the County will undergo testing before the November 3rd general election. Please note that ACT 77 which was enacted this year eliminated straight party voting. Voters will now have to choose each candidate individually. All poll workers will be required to wear masks. Voters are strongly encouraged to wear masks out of respect for the people who work the polls. Voters can also wear gloves, as they are compatible with the touch screens.

If you want to verify your registration, confirm your polling location or explore other election related information, another good resource is:

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking>.

Voters who have any problems or questions either before or on Election Day can also call the Northampton County Elections Office at 610-829-6260. The Office can be reached by email at elections@northamptoncounty.org.

Shade Tree Advisory Board • Hanover Township's Dying Street Trees

First, the Emerald Ash Borer (ash trees), then Bacterial Leaf Scorch (oak trees), then the Spotted Lantern Fly (American red maple trees plus others). Our street and park trees are being preyed upon at an alarming rate. If Oak Wilt disease reaches eastern Pennsylvania, it will be even worse. What can be done to restore our tree canopy?

1. YOU can replace your dead or missing street tree with one from the Township's Approved List.

2. If you care about our trees and the environmental impact trees have on our health (cleaner air, cleaner water, cooler summers, aesthetic beauty raising our spirits), YOU can volunteer on the Shade Tree Advisory Board. We need your help. Call the Township Office for information or to volunteer: 610-866-1140 or send an email to:

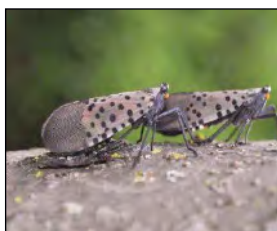
hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org.



BACTERIAL LEAF SCORCH

For information on Bacterial Leaf Scorch, you can read the information from the University of Kentucky at this website:

<https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/2020/08/04/bacterial-leaf-scorch-can-torch-landscape-trees-2>



SPOTTED LANTERN FLY

If your trees are hosts for the Spotted Lantern Fly, Penn State Extension Service has some valuable information with regard to life cycle and management: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-residents>

TREE CARE TIPS

1. Never top a tree. Proper pruning by an arborist is hardly noticeable and will improve the health and longevity of your tree.
2. Apply mulch around your trees as wide as possible, 3" deep, with the mulch never touching the trunk.
3. Don't plant your tree too deep. The root flare should be at or above the ground level.
4. Remove all burlap and ties from at least the top one-third of the root ball.

ADMINISTRATION *by Supervisor Jeff M. Warren*



All of our families, children, and senior citizens – every resident in Hanover Township – have faced new obstacles and hurdles as we continue to live in a world where the COVID-19 crisis continues to persist. I can still recall my wife and I working from home during the early

stages of the pandemic, grateful for having our jobs, helping our twin daughters with their schooling, teaching them about new technology, attempting to quell their fears, handling our groceries differently, “masking up” while in public; just trying to balance it all like so many others.

The same can be said for Hanover Township as our staff have worked hard to keep a balanced perspective and approach to local governance during this trying time. I can confidently speak for my fellow Board of Supervisors colleagues that making sure our Township residents and staff remain safe has been our top priority. Our professional staff developed a plan of action for employees, rolled out safeguards, enforced social distancing, and ensured our facilities were always kept clean to name a few. However, difficult decisions have also been made to ensure that safety. One of those decisions was re-closing the Hanover Township Community Center (HTCC).

Candidly, one of my main concerns was the preschool-age programming the Center has offered for years, and how that would affect our families in the Township. I'm the only member of the Board who has children in our public school system. My twin daughters attend Asa Packer Elementary. I wanted to find a way we could create a balanced approach to keeping our preschool-age programming available based on the incredible demands par-

ents and caregivers would face as children were slated to start a new school year. The discussion was very emotional amongst the Board, and we tried to determine a way we could make this work.

Unfortunately, there was no feasible way we could configure the actual building to meet the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines and guarantee safely the mixing of children and other age groups, coming and going in and out of the building. Overall, the consensus by the Board was to not bring children, senior citizens and countless other residents into that environment, risking possible COVID-19 spread. Frankly, during my eight months on the Board, this had been the most difficult decision.

My colleagues and I on the Board of Supervisors want the HTCC up and running as soon as possible. Yes, the HTCC will re-open in the future.

My goal is to make sure children, families and seniors have a safe, secure place to be active, exercise, play sports indoors, learn from our enrichment programs, host birthday and celebratory parties, and more. Let's not forget about the various art classes for different age groups and music learning that the Center has offered in the past. They are incredibly valuable.

As of writing this column, there have been 301 deaths in Northampton County due to COVID-19. From my seat on the Board, I did not want one more, and I know my Board colleagues did not either.

Our professional staff has continued working alongside the Northampton County Emergency Management Services agency in an effort to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our residents safe. That will continue. I am confident that the Board of Supervisors and Township staff will persist throughout this pandemic with balanced and responsible courses of action with the safety of everyone at the forefront of our decision-making. That is always the goal. That balance is key.



YARD WASTE BARREL

This barrel was distributed to residents to assist the Township staff in the collection of residential yard waste. Each barrel has a serial number on it which identifies what address it belongs to in the Township.

It is not to be used for residential waste.

Republic Services is not required to check these barrels when collecting residential waste.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS CALL STATISTICS YTD

Medical Emergencies	1,039
Motor Vehicle Accidents	75
Fire Support	135
TOTAL	1,129



STRESS AND ANXIETY

What is stress and anxiety?

Everyone experiences stress and anxiety from time to time. Stress is any demand placed on your brain or physical body. People can report feeling stressed when multiple competing demands are placed on them. The feeling of stress can be triggered by an event that makes you feel frustrated or nervous. Anxiety is a feeling of fear, worry, or unease. It can be a reaction to stress, or it can occur in people who are unable to identify significant stressors in their life.

Symptoms

Stress and anxiety can produce both physical and psychological symptoms. People experience stress and anxiety differently. Common physical symptoms include:

- stomachache
- muscle tension
- headache
- rapid breathing
- fast heartbeat
- sweating
- shaking
- dizziness
- frequent urination
- change in appetite
- trouble sleeping
- diarrhea
- fatigue

Stress and anxiety can cause mental or emotional symptoms in addition to physical ones. These can include:

- feelings of impending doom
- panic or nervousness, especially in social settings
- difficulty concentrating
- irrational anger
- restlessness

People who have stress and anxiety over long periods of time may experience negative related health outcomes. They are more likely to develop heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and may even develop depression and panic disorder.

Common stressors include:

- moving
- starting a new school or job
- having an illness or injury
- having a friend or family member who is ill or injured
- death of a family member or friend
- getting married
- having a baby

When you should seek help

If you are having thoughts about harming yourself or others, you should seek immediate medical help. Stress and anxiety are treatable conditions and there are many resources, strategies, and treatments that can help. If you are unable to control your worries, and stress is impacting your daily life, talk to your primary care provider about ways to manage stress and anxiety.

Techniques to manage stress and anxiety

Certain lifestyle changes can help alleviate symptoms of stress and anxiety.

- eating a balanced, healthy diet
- limiting caffeine and alcohol consumption
- getting enough sleep
- getting regular exercise
- meditating
- scheduling time for hobbies
- keeping a diary of your feelings
- practicing deep breathing
- recognizing the factors that trigger your stress
- talking to a friend

Be mindful if you tend to use substances like alcohol or drugs as ways to cope with stress and anxiety. This can lead to serious substance abuse issues that can make stress and anxiety worse.

FREE LIBRARY

The Free Little Library in Westgate Park is going to have a Board Game/puzzles and movie exchange Friday Oct 2 through Sunday Oct 4. (Rain date Oct 9-11). Bins will be placed outside of the book box from 9 am to 6 pm each day. Community families



will be able to stop by the book box and take/leave whatever they would like. Anything that is left over at the end will be donated to a local non-profit organization (currently TBD).

Items accepted: Used or new board games (all age levels), puzzles, dvds, CD audio books, video games. Not accepted: toys, cassette tapes, VHS. And as always we are looking for book donations! Any questions or if you would like to drop off game/movie/book donations ahead of time, please email Ashli Novak at ashli.truchon@gmail.com

FAQ

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

When did we temporarily close the Center and cease all its programs, and why? The HTCC temporarily closed on March 14, 2020 due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus in Northampton County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

When did we partially reopen the fitness room, under what conditions, and why? On June 22, 2020 Northampton County and Hanover Township were moved to the “green phase.” The Board of Supervisors and Township staff decided that the fitness room would be available to members of our community on an appointment basis. The HTCC staff were provided cleaning and sanitizing supplies, and adhered to safety procedures outlined by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health. At no time was the building opened in its entirety.

When did we temporarily reclose the fitness room and why? When the Township partially reopened the fitness center inside the HTCC, the attendance for the fitness room had been stagnant and extremely low, which was also not uncommon amongst other fitness facilities during this trying time. The Board of Supervisors did not believe that it was appropriate to continue operations with such a low census. Furthermore, residents were not purchasing memberships for the fitness room after the Township reopened the facility.

Why did the preschool program temporarily shut down and why will it not restart as usual later in August? The preschool, along with all the HTCC programming, was temporarily closed on March 14, 2020. Continuing these programs would have introduced a varied demographic of both children and older residents. There was no feasible method of configuring the building to comply with CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines and guarantee the safety of all age groups. The Board of Supervisors did not feel that it was appropriate to bring the children of our township into an environment that may cause more potential harm than good. The Board of Supervisors values the education of our children within the HTCC, but not at the cost of their health. Consideration for reopening the preschool program will occur when the HTCC is able to fully reopen.

Is the Community Center Permanently Closing? Absolutely NOT. The pause button was hit due to the reasons outlined above.

If I Vote at the Community Center, Where Will I Vote Now? The Township staff will ensure that the Community Center is open so individuals can vote in the General Election in November.

Where can I get information about the Community Center? The Township strives to keep information posted on the Township website which can be accessed at:

<https://hanovercommunitycenter.com/>
and www.hanovertwp-nc.org.

How can we pose questions to the Board? Board Meetings are advertised in the Morning Call and the schedule is posted on the Township’s website [www.hanovertwp-nc.org]. During every Meeting time is reserved at the beginning and at the end of every meeting for “Courtesy of the Floor.” This time is specifically reserved to afford an opportunity for members of the public to pose questions to the Supervisors on items not on the Agenda.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POOL

Why was the community pool closed? Last year (2019), our professional Township engineering staff determined through analysis over a period of time that approximately 2,200 gallons of water per hour were being lost, and that a potential sinkhole, common in our area of the Lehigh Valley, had developed underneath the pool’s foundation. Considering the extent of this damage required specialty geotechnical analysis, the cost of this analysis exceeded the discretionary spending amount and required a separate budget line item during the 2020 budgetary review. Accordingly, over \$200,000 were set aside for pool-related work during 2020. We will resume efforts to examine site feasibility, construction costs and availability of funding as soon as practicable.

What action has been taken by the township to address the ongoing issues pertaining to the community pool? Last year, a Pool Advisory Board was created to explore all possible avenues of remediation of this issue. That group recommended that Terracon, an engineering firm specializing in geotechnical analysis (soil analysis), conduct the needed analysis to understand the full extent of the damage underneath the pool. The contract for that work was set to be signed in March 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic put those efforts on hold. After the pandemic struck, all capital expenses were frozen by the Board of Supervisors due to the fact that up to 30% of the township’s income sources (earned income tax, mercantile tax, real estate transfer tax, etc.) would be negatively impacted during these uncertain times. The impact on the 2021 budget is also expected to be significant. When the full financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Township can be realized, consideration of continuing capital projects will commence.



Thank You for the Privilege of Serving You

*by State Rep. Marcia Hahn
138th Legislative District*

Representing the 138th Legislative District has been the privilege of a lifetime. As my term in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives draws to an end on November 30th, I reflect on a decade's worth of memories, achievements, and the people I have been able to help along the way.

As elected officials, we have a job to do like everyone else. Our job is to represent the communities that we serve, to be a voice for our neighbors and to sometimes make hard choices on behalf of those we represent. I know that because of the nature of this job, it is impossible to please everyone all of the time. At the end of the day, however, I am proud to say that I did my best to serve our district for the last 10 years.

I led the charge on legislation to protect our state's young people, ensuring their continued access to programs that treat drug and alcohol problems as well as mental health issues. I believe firmly that parents and guardians should have the final say in treatment decisions that involve minor children in their care. I have fought for this belief in the Legislature and helped codify it into law.

I secured special tax exemption status for some of our area's farmers with respect to the assessment of certain agricultural structures as real estate.

Language I originally sponsored in a House bill eventually became law in the form of Senate legislation that established the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program, redirecting a portion of the Tobacco Settlement Fund to create research grants for new treatments and rehabilitation efforts for individuals with spinal cord injuries.

Additionally, I have fought tirelessly to push back against our state's burdensome property tax regulations. To that end, I introduced a bill in 2018 to eliminate school property taxes for primary homeowners. Although this legislation ultimately did not reach the finish line, I have advocated staunchly for this much-needed tax relief ever since, introducing similar legislation in subsequent sessions.

When I announced that I would not seek re-election back in December of last year, I could not have imagined what 2020 had in store for Pennsylvania. The unprecedented public health crisis caused by COVID-19 has put immense pressure on our community, and we have responded as best we can.

Harrisburg Update

Senator Mario Scavello Introduces School Property Tax Relief Legislation for Seniors

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



In August, I introduced legislation that would provide much needed school property tax relief for senior citizens across the Commonwealth.

School property taxes continue to rise at an alarming rate and senior citizens are among our most vulnerable populations, given that they are on fixed incomes. As has been said before, no tax should have the power to leave you homeless and no citizen should be forced to choose between paying for food, medicine or their school property tax bill.

Senate Bill 1262 and Senate Bill 1263 would provide for a school property tax rebate of up to \$5,000 for all seniors age 65 and older who have an annual household income of less than \$60,000. (Fifty percent of your Social Security benefits are excluded when determining the annual household income.) With a rebate of up to \$5,000, the legislation would eliminate school property taxes for the majority of senior across the commonwealth.

It is important to remember that if a senior loses their home, you often see a family with children move into that house. On average in Pennsylvania, each additional child in the school system costs about \$20,000 a year to educate. By keeping seniors in their homes, we help alleviate additional financial costs to the local school district.

I have introduced many legislative measures over my career in both the House of Representatives and Senate to deal with the issue of high school property taxes. Most recently, I introduced Senate Bill 805 to provide the revenue necessary to eliminate school property taxes on owner-occupied homes via the homestead exclusion. This legislation followed the Constitutional Amendment question passed by voters in 2017 expanding the homestead exclusion to 100 percent of a home's assessed value. I have also co-sponsored, and voted for, legislation that would eliminate school property taxes entirely such as Senate Bill 76.

This is not the final solution to the property tax problem that has inflicted years of escalating home foreclosures and rising tax bills on Pennsylvania citizens, but it is progress that is within reach to help the most vulnerable.

If you have questions about this or any other state issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-863-1200 or mscavello@pasen.gov.

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From County Executive Lamont McClure



As our nation and our world deal with the deadliest pandemic in a century, Northampton County has developed its own Pandemic Protection Plan to protect both the health of our residents and our economy.

First, because testing and contact tracing are key to decreasing viral transmission, we've organized COVID-19 drive-through testing sites, covering the cost for County residents who don't have health insurance. The current site is located at Coordinated Health in Bethlehem Township at 3100 Emrick Blvd and is open Monday through Friday from 10AM – 4PM and two Saturdays a month from 9AM - Noon. You don't need a doctor's prescription, but must have at least one CDC-recognized symptom to be tested.

Northampton County received \$27.6 million in CARES Act funds and is distributing \$10 million for municipalities and community assistance, \$4.6 million for non-profit assistance, \$3 million for Human Services and \$10 million for small businesses. In this new economy, success is dependent on internet access so Council also approved \$825,000 in grants to school districts since it is critical that we provide our students with the access they need so they can achieve academic success.

Our best chance to defeat COVID-19 is to work together with the goal of preventing transmission of the virus. In doing so, we will save lives, prevent our health care system from being overwhelmed and sustain our economy. We urge all our residents to stay home when you're sick, wear a mask that covers your mouth and your nose, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing.

POOL UPDATE *by Supervisor Susan Lawless, Esq.*

What to do with our community pool and how to pay for it was a topic of concern among our residents before the current health crisis associated with the COVID-19 virus struck earlier this year. Many residents voiced their desire for construction of a pool and urged the Board to move in that direction without delay. Other residents voiced concerns that a pool would increase taxes and lobbied for caution.



Objectively, the Board does have engineering and other data that would enable it to know if the current location can support a community-sized pool, and, if it can, what type of pool would meet the needs of our community today and into the future and what such a pool would cost to construct or how we might fund such a project over time. The process of gathering such data was brought to a halt by spending restrictions the Board unanimously agreed to impose in order to respond to uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 crisis.

The "pool debate" will be brought into sharp focus as the Board sets budgetary policy to meet all the competing demands upon what is certainly going to be a reduced revenue stream for 2021 and likely beyond. The Board begins the process of setting its 2021 budget policy when the budget is presented at the October 13, 2020 meeting and debated at the October 20, 2020 meeting. The Board wants to hear from you.

If you believe that funding for the engineering and geotechnical studies necessary to answer those key questions outlined above should be a policy priority or not at all or if you just have questions, the Board wants to hear from you. As a member of the Pool Advisory Group, **I would like to hear from you. Send your comments to: boscomment@hanovertwp-nc.org**

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In the Legislature, we passed a partial budget to stabilize our state's finances, as well as provided immediate assistance for hospitals, ensured our schools are still teaching, accelerated property tax and rent rebates, and voted to allow businesses to safely reopen.

Here at home, my staff and I have been working around-the-clock to assist residents as we navigate through a disaster the likes of which we have never seen before. Although we are in a better place than we were at the beginning of this pandemic, I know we are not out of the woods yet.

As a community, we will do what Pennsylvanians have always done in the face of a crisis – we will rebuild, we will adapt, and we will overcome together. Though the future

remains uncertain, I have confidence that our community will emerge from this crisis strong and unified, prepared to face the challenges that await us with an unshaken resolve.

Please know that my office remains available as a resource to you during these difficult times, and we stand ready to offer assistance with any state-related issue you may have. I encourage you to reach out to my office; we will be happy to help you in any way we can. Our phone number is 610-746-2100.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve in the state Legislature. Although the desk in Harrisburg bears my name, it is your voice that carries through the House chamber.

CRPD AT A GLANCE *by Chief Roy "Buzz" Seiple*



The past month has been a bit busy for the members of the CRPD. The easing of COVID-19 restrictions and winding down of the summer have increased the amount of traffic and quality of life issues in the Township. The Department has been reviewing policies and procedures, evaluating response and enforcement

action and seen some exciting changes.

The Colonial Regional Police Department recently added a 2020 Ford Police Utility Hybrid to its fleet. The vehicle has a combined highway / city MPG of 24. Our conventional Police Utility vehicles are averaging 12 MPG. This is a 100% increase in miles per gallon. The most use of fuel in a law enforcement vehicle is when the vehicle is running while parked at a scene to keep the battery charged to run emergency lights, radios, computers and other items which draw power. The Hybrid can do that without the engine running resulting in the use of less fuel and less pollution. It uses hybrid batteries and if the charge starts to get low on the batteries it will run the engine just long enough to give them a boost. Ford calculates the savings over a conventional Utility Vehicle will save \$3,500 per vehicle per year. The vehicle is also equipped with a License Plate Reader provided to the Department by Hanover Township. The reader can detect suspended or expired registrations and stolen vehicles. The Department hopes to replace the conventional vehicles with the new Hybrid in the next few years.

We have received several complaints regarding the noise and reckless driving created by persons frequenting the Scheetz and strip mall on Schoenersville Road. Although the properties are in the City of Bethlehem we are experiencing the spill over into our Township.

Township Manager Jay Finnigan has spearheaded the effort to address the problem by contacting the stakeholders. As I indicated the root of the problem originates in the City of Bethlehem and it is their responsibility to curtail the loitering.

Our Department has coordinated aggressive enforcement actions with the Pennsylvania State Police and City of Bethlehem Police. We have concentrated our efforts on the problem days and times by assigning officers to patrol that specific location. On one date PSP included Arial surveillance during the enforcement window.

Our Department cannot expend resources twenty-four hours a day to monitor this area. Kindly contact the Northampton County Control Center at 610 759-2200 to

report an incident or phone 911 if an emergency exists. Do not confront violators on your own. Take down a license number and any other pertinent information and provide it to us.

Several factors are hampering our response to the problem. One being the lack of enough means to enforce speeding violations. Municipal police officers are not permitted the use of radar for speed enforcement. Pennsylvania is the only Commonwealth in the country in which the local police departments are not permitted to use radar. We must rely on using a stopwatch to time vehicles traversing two white lines on the roadway. This timing results in an average speed. By using radar, we would be able to time the exact speed at a time someone may be quickly accelerating. Citizens can help our speed enforcement efforts by contacting their state representative and ask they support any radar bills that come to the legislature. Another factor is the initial activity is occurring in Lehigh County, where we have no jurisdiction. We have addressed that with the law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction.

On August 21, 2020 the Department in conjunction with the Lehigh Township Regional DUI Enforcement Task Force conducted a DUI Checkpoint on Schoenersville Road at Macada Road. The Checkpoint yielded 7 citations for various violations, 4 warnings, 21 contacts and 4 blood draws for DUI. It was interesting that no alcohol related violations were located. All 4 blood draws were charged with Operating Under the Influence of Marijuana.

Several residents have been posting on social media the problem of reckless bicyclists travelling though out the Township. Pictures have been posted depicting the activities. The CRPD does not continuously monitor social media. When you see the problem contact the Northampton County Control Center when it is occurring so an officer can respond. If anyone can provide information on the identity of the actors, please contact us. Parents, please have a talk with your children about the safe operation of bicycles on the roadway. Bicyclists are afforded the same rights as a motor vehicle however they also must abide by all traffic regulations. Officers will stop and warn or cite individuals who are riding recklessly and violating the vehicle code.

We have been experiencing an increased amount of criminal activity at some of our hotels in our jurisdiction. It appears if persons have been booking rooms for weekend getaways. Drug activity, prostitution and disruptive parties are a few of the problems.

Traffic crashes are back to our pre- COVID-19 numbers. Officers have reinstituted aggressive traffic enforcement to try to curb the crashes.

Police Reform is currently a hot issue in the United States. Local, state and the federal governments are enact-

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ing various acts of legislations to regulate police conduct and operations.

These issues were discussed recently by the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors in a public meeting.

In 2006 the CRPD was the first regional police department in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be accredited under the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Deputy Chief DePalma was certified as an accreditation manager. Sgt. Melinsky has taken over the task of the Department accreditation manager. This accreditation sets forth over 138 standards for police administration and operation that must be adhered to. The standards must be proven not only by action but by accurate documentation. We have recently purchased software to assist in that task. We have maintained our accreditation status by going through assessment and reaccreditation every three years since our original date. Recently the below "Eight Can't Wait" policies have emerged from activists.

- ✗ Ban Choke Hold
- ✗ Require De Escalation of the Use of Force
- ✗ Require Warning Before Shooting
- ✗ Requires Exhaust all Alternatives before Shooting
- ✗ Duty to Intervene
- ✗ Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles
- ✗ Require Use of Force Continuum
- ✗ Require Comprehensive Reporting

Our Department implemented policies as far back as 2006 which addressed those issues. The policies are comprehensive and are periodically reviewed.

The related policies have been provided to the CRPD Commission Members for their review. The Use of Force Policy can be located at colonialregionlpd.org.

Hanover Township has continued to be supportive of their police department. Contrary to the outcry for "defunding" police the Colonial Regional Police Department will be here to continue to provide service to our communities.

Remember school has started. Please obey the school zone speed limits and school bus stops.

Drive smart and be safe.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**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.



HANOVER TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY *by Chief Scott Milham*

Well here we are deep in 2020 and things are still crazy. Our lives have had some semblance of normalcy returned to them but definitely not back to full normal. Hopefully in the coming months we can return even more to our normal lives. In this article I would like to talk about our fire police division as well as some home safety tips. First let's talk about our fire police division. Many people do not realize that we have a separate division of fire police. The job of the fire police is to assist the police and fire departments with traffic control at accidents, fires, wires down, traffic signal outages etc. They also provide the invaluable service of securing the scene of an incident during the incident. At an incident they provide a safety perimeter around the incident so that bystanders do not get in the way of the operations going on at the incident as well as keeping the bystanders safe from harm. When the fire company is operating at a vehicle accident the fire police will either shut down the roadway to protect the firefighters, EMS personnel and the victims from traffic or carefully funnel traffic away from the area where the firefighters, EMS and victims are. The fire police have a very important role in keeping the fire fighters, ems personnel, police and the victims safe from any harm.

Currently, the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has 4 personnel who are part of the fire police unit. That may seem sufficient however that is definitely not the case as all 4 of them besides serving as fire police are also active firefighters. So when we get a call that requires only fire police we usually have at least 1 or 2 fire police who can respond. However, when we get a call that requires both firefighters and fire police is where we run into a problem.

Sometimes the fire police portion of the call can wait until the firefighter portion is done but sometimes they need to be done simultaneously. In these cases we have to rely on other fire companies to come take care of the fire police part. The fire company is currently actively recruiting people to fill the role of fire police. We provide all the equipment as well as pay for the training required. The basic fire police class is only 16 hours long and is usually done on a Saturday and Sunday. The fire company averages 45 or so calls per month but only 8 to 10 of those each month require fire police. So if you have ever had the desire to help your fellow township residents or are just curious about becoming a fire police officer then we want to hear from you. As long as you are at least 18 years old you can fill the position of fire police officer. You can email me at firechief@htvfc.org for more information or to setup a time to come chat with us. We could really use your help in our fire police division and



it's a tremendous feeling to serve your community and help people in need. I have been a volunteer firefighter for 40 years this September and I still love it!

Now let's talk about Home Safety Tips:

Change your smoke detector batteries when you change the clocks in fall and spring. A smoke detector does not do any good if it does not work due to a dead battery or any other reason. You should have a minimum of 1 smoke detector per floor of your home as well as 1 smoke detector in each bedroom of the home. The reason for each bedroom is that you should sleep with the bedroom door closed and that way there is a smoke detector behind that closed bedroom door. Sleeping with the door closed allows the door to be a barrier to keep the smoke and flames out of the bedroom. Many fires that I have been to have a room or two that were only lightly affected by the fire due to a door being closed. Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10 years as the detector performance begins to degrade after 10 years and may not detect the smoke.

Also it is recommended that at least every level of your home have a carbon monoxide detector if you have any type of fuel burning appliances such as an oil burner, gas furnace or other fuel burning apparatus or a fire place where you burn wood, propane or natural gas. Bedrooms are also recommended to have them as well. Even if you don't have any fuel burning appliances it is still recommended to have at least one on each level due to the potential of carbon monoxide from cars and trucks or other gas equipment such as lawn mowers etc. Carbon monoxide detectors need to be replaced more often than smoke detectors due to their sensors not lasting as long. Most carbon monoxide

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REGISTER YOUR CONCERNS

If you wish to contact the property owners of the gatherings of vehicles along Schoenersville Road to express your concerns about the noise and activities please write to:

HARTZELL- BETHLEHEM LP
c/o Pintzuk-Brown Real Estate
491 Old York Road • Suite 200
Jenkintown, PA 19046

SHEETZ, INC.
Attn: Security
5700 Sixth Avenue • Altoona, PA 16602

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detectors last 5 years however some of the newer ones last for 7 years so be sure to check the manufacturers website to see how long they are good for. Some of the new carbon monoxide detectors have an end of life signal that tells you that it is time to replace the detector.

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher for each floor. If you have one on each floor then you won't have to run to the garage from the 2nd floor bedroom to get one when it is needed wasting precious time. A fire doubles in size every minute. 30 years ago you had approximately 15 minutes to safely evacuate your house when a fire started. Due to changes in the materials used in furnishing a house as well as the materials used to decorate the house and build the house, you now only have 3 minutes to safely evacuate the house. Fire extinguishers should be at least a 5lb. preferably a 10lb. with an ABC rating so that it can put out most common types of fire such as wood, paper, electrical, grease etc. As I am limited in the amount of fire safety information that I can pack into one article, here is my email address. firechief@htvfc.org. If you would like some additional fire safety tips, info or to ask any questions regarding the fire company please feel free to email me.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

THANK YOU WEIS MARKETS

Weis Markets on Crawford Drive held a hydration drive for the Fire Company. They ask their customers to donate bottles of Gatorades and water. The amount of donated drinks is amazing and appreciated more than you could ever know. Thank you again Weis Markets for helping keep our personnel hydrated.

A great Big Thank you to **Kurt Pfeiffer** for the gracious donation of N95 masks for our responders, to Kim Haines for providing meals for our crews and to Guardian Life Insurance for the donation of snacks and drinks. These gracious donations are truly appreciated by our Emergency Responders.



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SAVE THE DATE / SANTA'S ARRIVAL



Saturday, December 12th SANTA will be making his annual visit to Hanover Township. Santa gives good boys and girls and apple and candy cane. Santa rides on the firetruck visiting all the children young and old. He starts his rounds at 9 am and continues until he visits every neighborhood. Please share locations on the Township residents forum to help residents know where Santa is throughout the day. Have your Mom and Dad mark it on your calendars. Santa always welcomes your gracious donations to help the Fire Company.

FUND DRIVE DONATIONS

Thank you for your gracious donations to our annual fund drive. We need you help this year more than ever. Our increased expenses and decreased revenue due to COVID-19 has been detrimental to our finances. Your donations greatly assist in the Fire Company's annual operational expenses. If you have not sent in your donation, please remember we need your help so we can help you in your time of need. You can mail your donation or drop it off at station. 100 Stoke Park Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017.



EMERGENCY RESPONDERS NEEDED HELP US HELP YOU.... COME JOIN OUR TEAM

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are different divisions within our company: Administrative positions, Firefighting, Fire Police, or EMS. All required training and equipment provided at no cost. If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station, or stop by during Monday Night Training at 7:00 pm.

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Locations & Hours

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11 W. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610.867.3761

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Thurs. & Fri. 9AM – 6PM
Sat. 10AM – 5PM
Sun. CLOSED

South Side Branch

400 Webster Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610.867.7852

Mon. – Thurs. 11AM – 6PM
Fri., Sat., Sun. CLOSED

BAPL Coolidge

2740 Fifth Street
Bethlehem Township 18020
484.892.6267

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LEAF COLLECTION

Township Leaf Collection will begin in mid October and run through the first week in December (weather permitting).

Place your leaves at the curb in a windrow and make sure the leaves are free of all debris. Also, make sure you don't park vehicles on these windrows as the vehicle may catch fire. While there is no set schedule for leaf pickup we will be updating the Township



Website with the location of our three trucks so you'll be able to judge when you will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews pick up leaves. All trucks work north to south in their section of the Township. The location of the trucks will be updated on the home page of the website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org).

Section I – East Allen Border to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

Section III – Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

The sections will not be started over until all three sections are complete. Consequently all three trucks may be in one section or two may be in one while another section is finished.

STORM WATER



In the last few issues of the Hanoverview we've highlighted Storm Water and the MS4 requirements. You've also probably read about other municipalities enacting a fee to help fund the requirements the federal and state DEP has mandated local municipalities comply.

The picture on the left leads to the picture on the right that contaminates the storm water system. Please clean up the street when you or a landscaper cut your grass. Despite these friendly reminders appearing in the Hanoverview the Township is receiving an increase in calls from concerned residents that neighbors are not cleaning up after they or their landscapers' cut grass. Please keep cut grass out of the storm sewer system by cleaning up! **What is becoming even worse is individuals are placing dog waste bags in the storm drains. This must stop!**