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May 13, 2021*

**Last Day To  
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**May 3, 2021**



**PRIMARY  
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**May 18, 2021**

# Hanoverview

## THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### Let's get rid of COVID-19 and Forever Banish 7 Words

*by John N. Diacogiannis, Chair Board of Supervisors*

Each year since 1976 a small university in Michigan, Lake Superior State University (LSSU), creates a Banished Words list. LSSU's objective is "to uphold, protect, and support excellence in language by encouraging avoidance of words and terms that are overworked, redundant, oxymoronic, clichéd, illogical, nonsensical - and otherwise ineffective, baffling, or irritating". Over 1000 words have graced this list. The list includes words such as impactful, wheelhouse, stakeholder, hashtag, influencer, quid pro quo, optics, thought leader, and the soon to be trashed fake news. This year 10 words have been selected out of about 1500 nominations from all over the US. It's no surprise that this year about 250 of the nominations were associated with the coronavirus. Seven of the 10 chosen words and terms fit the bill (I'm sure that's been on the list at one time). Here they are in the order LSSU presented. 1) COVID-19 (and it's variants), 2) social distancing, 3) we're all



in this together, 4) in an abundance of caution, 5) in these uncertain times, 6) pivot & 7) unprecedented.

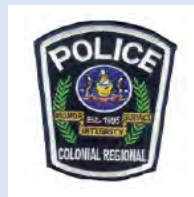
Not a newscast or newspaper, including this newsletter, and social media has been devoid of these words. That pretty much sums up what all of us in our community have been subjected to this past year. I, for one, am

sick and tired of it. Just as we're figuratively burned our 2020 calendars, I am praying that with the help of the vaccine and continued diligence, we can truly have no need for these seven words in 2022. I hope you agree with me.

My fellow Township Supervisors, Manager, employees and professional staff have been "in this together" during "these uncertain times". Besides dealing with our personal family situations, we've been keenly concerned about the health and welfare of our township employees as well as that of

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## CRPD UPDATE



As you may know, Police Chief Roy Seiple is retiring this spring. The Colonial Regional Police Commission has chosen Deputy Chief James DePalma to take over the helm when Chief Seiple leaves. Detective Sgt Michael Melinsky will be promoted to Deputy Chief. Proper introductions will be made in the next newsletter. The Colonial Regional Police Department is anticipating vacancies this year. Accordingly, a recruitment effort is underway by the Department. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply and sit for the police officers test. The application can be found on the CRPD website at [www.colonialregionalpd.org](http://www.colonialregionalpd.org). The testing date has not been established as of this writing. For further information please contact Chief Seiple at 610-861-4820 or [chief@colonialregionalpd.org](mailto:chief@colonialregionalpd.org). One significant change in the recruiting protocol is that Act 120 training is not a prerequisite to sitting for the police officer test. It would however be required before any new hire is placed on active duty. Act 120 training is the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) Act 120 Basic Recruit Training Program. Locally that training is offered at the Allentown Police Academy. The next training class is scheduled to start in July.

## Meet the Members of Your Shade Tree Advisory Board • by Susan J. Lawless, Esq., Supervisor

The Township is enriched by the service of its volunteer boards and organizations and the many volunteers who serve on them.

Hanover Township's Shade Tree Board members are the stewards of the Township's urban canopy, the trees that line our streets, beautify our many parks and make the Township a great location in which to live and work. To do this, the Board affords recommendations and expert advice to the Township's Supervisors, the Public Works team and Planning Board. The Board also acts as a resource for residents interested in caring for and replacing trees through regular articles in this Newsletter and the Township website.

Chairwoman Joan Witiak has been a resident since 1967 when she and her husband purchased and restored a lovely farmhouse. As the Township was developing, she was an original member of the small group of citizens who joined together in the late 1980's to ensure that some vestige of the Township's bucolic past would live on through a commitment to healthy and abundant trees. The group, by then a formal Board established by ordinance, assisted in planting trees in the new parks and in the development of ordinances that required a developer to include a minimum of 35% large deciduous trees in a given plan and no more than 40% of the same variety of tree on a street. These requirements not only contribute aesthetically to the final product but are a bulwark against devastation when pests and disease strike. Long-tenured residents of Pointe North experienced this when their development, constructed prior to the ordinance and lush with block after block of Ash trees was devastated by the Emerald Ash Borer. Lovely tree-lined streets became bare and lost more than 25 years of growth.

Educating property owners and promoting the preservation of those ash trees that remain in our community and replacing street trees already lost are among the Board's endeavors most dear to Blair Bates. Bates, a member since 2013, has worked in commercial real estate for decades. Mr. Bates applies that knowledge when the Board reviews construction plans for projects within the Township and makes recommendations to ensure that required plantings comply with all applicable ordinances. Quality landscaping increases property values and healthy, mature shade trees drive down cooling costs are facts backed by National Realtor Association studies. The lushness of the Township's neighborhoods was what first drew Bates and his wife to the Township in 1987.

Jane Cook, a retired math teacher, joined the Board in about 2013. She is also active in the Monocacy Creek Watershed Association, a group dedicated to preserving the quality of Monocacy Creek, another Township asset. A child of



Midwestern farmers, her life-long interest in gardening and trees was planted by the example set by her father. A military man who moved his family as his assignments required, he always maintained a garden and planted trees to make a new residence a home, Cook explained. To the extent that healthy trees in the Township contribute to air and groundwater quality, Cook's involvement in both groups is cooperative and symbiotic.

Though one does not have to be an arborist to join the Board, the long-term members of the Board hold a tremendous amount of institutional and technical knowledge which has been passed from member to member over the years. Mrs. Witiak is not only excited to add two new full-time members but also to welcome alternate members. The two slots were newly created as "apprentice" positions to allow interested volunteers to learn the ropes or test the waters of the Shade Tree Board without the necessity of a full-time commitment to the Board. An educator by profession, Mary Kay has previously given her time to the Hanover Swim Team has expressed interest in the position.

Gamini Vedage has lived in the Township since 1992. His 30-year career as a chemist with Air Products did not afford him much opportunity to volunteer. In retirement, Dr. Vedage has committed himself to giving back to his com-

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### Forever Banish These 7 Words *cont'd from page 1*

our citizens and visitors. That continues to be our top priority. In all honesty, 2020 was the most troubling and emotional year in my thirty six years in office. It was not the busiest or the most difficult by far - those were during the development heyday of the 1980's and 90's. There were three meetings per month, with packed agendas often lasting until nearly midnight. To be sure, meetings under COVID-19 restrictions have their challenges. Zoom or any other online conferencing system is a very poor substitute for face to face meetings. However, "in the abundance of caution" I understand that we all need to be safe. 2020 has been "unprecedented" for the entire world, not just our small community. While we strive to "flatten the curve" (that should have made the list), I ask for your patience and understanding. There is too much negativity and evil all around us, as witnessed by the attack on our capitol in Washington. While we may have disagreements, let's treat each other with understanding, empathy, respect and dignity.

Let's all pull together so that we can be in a position to banish those 7 words from our vocabulary.

## Dealing with Isolation and Frustration in the COVID-19 Era — *It Was the Best of Times, It was the Worst of Times*

Mike Prendeville, Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors

Admittedly, I am tired and frustrated with the lifestyle and social limitations required due to the current pandemic. Sometimes I remind myself of the character Howard Beale in the 1975 film classic "Network" where he tosses open his window and shouts "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore". I miss going to movie theaters, seeing a concert, having a pint out, eating in a restaurant, traveling, going to the chemo lab in silly costumes just to make people laugh, attending meetings in person, and so on. I bet many of you miss your routines too. I wanted to do something a bit different for this newsletter so I thought I would interview a counselor about the effects of isolation and frustration as it relates to the social restrictions brought on by COVID-19. Jason Weiss is a licensed professional counselor based in Bethlehem and operates New Day Counseling.



resemblance of your pre-COVID-19 routines there needs to be a way you can still do things that you love and enjoy or we are not going to make it through this in a healthy way.

And of course, no it is not bad that you feel like Howard Beale. I think we have all gone through moments or weeks of feeling that way. Each person is on their own COVID-19 survival guide journey. From being terrified and doing nothing outside of the house to being ignorant

and unsafely doing anything you want. Neither of these extremes are helpful to you or society. There must be a balance and a balancing of risks. There is no full-proof way to avoid COVID-19 without hunkering down in a bunker and never going outside again but we can't do that as humans. So, we need to figure out a way to modify the things we love to do and still do them and not let this virus make your whole life completely different.

**Jason, first – thank you for participating in this article. I hope to bring our residents some tips and tricks dealing with the stresses of social isolation as brought on by this pandemic.**

**As a front line mental healthcare professional, what trends are you seeing locally that you can tie to COVID-19?**

Hi Mike, thanks for having me and doing this interview. The trends I am seeing both in personal and professional experience are an increase in substance use, suicidal ideation, binge eating, weight gain, relationship conflict, depression, and significant anxiety regarding many facets of life including the fear of contracting COVID-19. With people being in their homes for most of 2020 it has forced us to figure out how we are going to cope and that has played out in several ways, some healthy and some not so healthy. Of course, it is a multi-faceted problem and people with pre-existing mental health conditions or substance use issues have worsened due to COVID-19. People are also lonelier and more isolated than ever before which has taken its toll on our mental health.

**After being diagnosed with COVID-19 in July, I quarantined in our basement for 3 weeks. It was extremely difficult but at least I was able to go outside for extended periods of time, getting my daily vitamin D supplements through the sun. That made the experience a bit more palatable.**

**What can people do as a healthy replacement to pre COVID-19 routines? Is it bad that sometimes I want to be like Howard Beale?**

Well, replacement is a good word for it and maybe more encouraging for people would be to "modify" their old routines to a new way of doing the same things they enjoy just a little bit differently and more safely. A very depressing statement for someone to say and feel is "I can't do that anymore." So, in order to have some sense of happiness or

**In an age of fear, uncertainty, and doubt, I have seen more people lash out on social media. Is increased anger a by-product of COVID-19?**

Well, I have not been on social media for over a year so I can't really speak on that. I think anger is probably a natural by-product if you are prone to anger, depression is a natural by-product if you are prone to depression, as well as anxiety if you are an anxious person, or drinking if you are a drinker. Whatever you dealt with prior to COVID-19 is probably the symptoms that are intensified in the era of COVID-19. So, I would say maybe anger says more about someone's own pre-existing coping skills than COVID-19's impact as a whole. The pandemic era might be a dramatized mirror to show you your own mental health symptoms or unhealthy ways of coping with stress, uncertainty, and fear.

**Personally, I feel that by taking a mental introspective from time to time is useful. What should people be looking out for that could be signs of mental stress, depression, or anxiety either in themselves, friends, or loved ones?**

Low energy, negative attitudes, restless sleep, increased alcohol use, increased substance use, weight gain, trouble concentration, decreased productivity, suicidal ideation, and hopelessness for the future to name some prominent ones. When people have been isolating so seriously that they still have not gone through a drive-thru or haven't seen any of their friends or family for over 3-6 months that would be a pretty good indication that someone is pretty anxious or depressed due to the pandemic. Maybe we need to reach out to those people a bit more through this time to check on them. Find what they are comfortable doing and meet them where they are in their COVID-19 journey. If a phone call is all they feel comfortable with then do that, if

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they are okay meeting in person with a mask on or socially distant great then do that. There must be some way we can stay connected and stay human during this time, it's just going to be a little different than it was in 2019 and every year prior.

**What are some routines and behaviors people can exercise to bolster their mood in a healthy way?**

Some routines and behaviors people have picked up have been musical instruments, biking, hiking, cooking, craft making, and online gaming, among many others. I know guitar sales are up during the pandemic, as well as bike sales. People have started cooking more at home and being more creative with those skills. Also, golf in the spring and summer months and skiing in the winter. But more on the daily mood boost would be to eat right, get some sunshine, break a sweat at some point during the day, find healthy things you enjoy, figure out a way to keep your social life going, and keep an attitude of gratitude for the things we still can do. No matter where you are in life, or if it's a year of a pandemic or not; if you are focused on the things you don't have and can't do, you are not going to be happy. Happier people take control of what they can and make the most out of it. Believe it or not some people are thriving during this hellacious period. We may not know many of those people or any of them, but they are out there. Some people have more money now, or better relationships, and more time with their family, now, than they ever did prior to 2020. Also figuring out how much there actually is to do at home like fixing up your house, or cleaning/organizing, planting gardens, painting, those old projects you never completed before because you did not have the time. We may not have done them before this year because we had so many other things occupying us. Well now is the time.

After each session I have my clients say 3 things they are grateful for, regardless of their mind state at the time. Just so they can be reminded and know that no matter what is going on there are things to be thankful for in their life. When things are not going our way and fear, uncertainty, and death surround us we need to ground ourselves with the things we still have and the things that are still okay.

Persistent practice of this is one of the most effective skills happy people do on a consistent basis.

During the early stages of the pandemic and after about 2 months of not going into the office and not seeing anyone outside of our home other than one or two of my friends. I remember sitting outside in the sunshine and being grateful that I still have a job, I can stay safe and quarantine, I have a backyard to be in, and I'm saving so much money on gas, travel, and restaurants. It was interesting to look at quarantining as a luxury. When I know so many people have lost their jobs, don't have a place to stay, don't have a way to pay their rent or mortgages, and all the people that have put their lives at risk every day since this began because they had to or they chose to, and on top of that all the people who got extremely ill and the thousands upon thousands who lost their lives to this virus; it made me feel very, very lucky to be in the position I was in despite being "stuck in the house" or "stuck in the backyard." It was not so bad when I knew a lot of other people were suffering way worse than I was. My heart goes out to those people who have died and suffered and put their lives on the line just so I could stay at my house safely. It's weird situation. A very weird year. Hopefully everyone can find their way and their most enjoyable way to get through these tough times.

**Thank you, Jason. Your insights and time are very much appreciated.**

I started this article with what I miss. In the spirit of the phrase "a rising tide lifts all boats", and taking a page out of Jason's playbook, let me finish with these thoughts as it relates to our community. I am thankful for being a part of a community that rallies around one of its own after a fire heavily damaged their house, I am thankful for our corporate donors who helped make our holiday light display outstanding, I am thankful for the many residents who take the time to write or call to express their appreciation of the township staff and public works, I am thankful for a local restaurant that offers to feed any family in need. I am thankful that my friend is winning against cancer. There are so many things I am thankful for - recalling those frequently always puts a smile on my face, no matter what the day brings.



*Pre COVID-19 shenanigans at the chemo infusion lab with Vince Milite, Public Works Director where humor took some of the sting out of treating cancer.*

## 2021 Township Budget

by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager

The 2021 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 *fourteenth* 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. The Board was able to maintain the Tax Rate by using funds from accumulated reserves. Current economic forecasters and pragmatics believe that the real effect on municipal budgets and revenue will occur in 2022.

During 2021, Hanover Township projects receiving \$9,042,180 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a



3.0% *decrease* or \$272,140 and a similar *decrease* in General Fund Expenses for the year. This compares to a budgeted amount of \$9,314,320 in 2020.

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 2021. Additional security features are being installed in the Community Center and municipal parking lot on the Municipal Tract.

As of December 2020 the Township was not encumbered

### 2021 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	56.17	\$2,808.50*
County of Northampton	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$100,000	56.17	\$5,617.00*
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	56.17	\$8,425.00*
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

\* *Italic indicates an increase*

## YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2021 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery on December 10, 2020 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available on-line on the Township Website.



## 2021 RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING BILLS

Your residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2021 calendar year will be mailed in late January / early February to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the end of February, please call the Municipal Office at 610.866.1140. Our office will accept payments during business hours Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited in our mail slot during non-business hours.

Like the Yard Waste Calendar the Residential Waste & Recycling was dropped off at the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery on December 10, 2020. It is available on line on the Township Website.





## Winter Safety Tips

by Fire Chief Scott VanWhy

The winter season is upon us and with it brings safety concerns and potential obstacles for the Emergency Services. I would like to remind you to keep any exhaust vents clear around your residence. These vents can be from your furnace, water heater, dryer or other appliances that produce Carbon Monoxide. If these vents become blocked by snow, ice or other obstructions this could result in deadly Carbon Monoxide filling into your home.



We also ask that you remove snow and other obstacles from every entrance to your residence to ensure you can get out of every possible exit in case of an emergency.

Additionally, if you have a fire hydrant on or near your property we ask that you keep it clear of any snow or ice. Maintaining a clear path near the fire hydrant is not only necessary when it snows, but all year round. Trees, over-

grown shrubs and vehicles can all block the fire companies' access to the hydrant. Having a blocked fire hydrant can result in delays of recusing occupants and extinguishing of the fire. If you notice any damage to a fire hydrant, contact Bethlehem Water Authority at 610-865-7070 and report the hydrants location.



We are always looking for new volunteers to help serve our Township. If you may be interested in joining our team or learning more about what is involved in volunteering stop by our station. We have training every Monday night at 7 p.m. stop in and see what we are all about. <http://www.htvfc.org>. All required training and equipment is provided FREE of charge.

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



### Fire Chief Scott Milham

Thank you very much for your service to the Township's residents and business community. You have served with distinction always putting our residents and businesses first.



## Did You Know?

One 12-oz mug holds enough salt to treat a 20-foot driveway or ten sidewalk squares.



## CURBING SPEEDING ON OUR LOCAL ROADWAYS IS A PRIORITY

by Jeffrey M. Warren - Supervisor



**H**ave you ever been around the vicinity of Schoenersville Road during the evening hours? Have you ever seen and heard vehicles racing in this area? The Board of Supervisors and countless other residents have, too. In an effort to curb this, our township staff have been aggressively communicating with Colonial Regional

Police, City of Bethlehem Police, Pennsylvania State Police, and other property owners to stop this irresponsible, dangerous and law-breaking action. People have been hurt. People have been taken to the hospital after accidents. Last year, many of us saw online a gulf-enflamed car after a near fatal wreck. This has to stop, and our law enforcement community needs the tools to get it done.

Schoenersville Road is a unique area in our local backyard. The aforementioned law enforcement agencies all have various jurisdiction within this corridor. It is the reason why this particular area has its challenges concerning vehicle speed enforcement. Hanover Township, like every other township in Pennsylvania, is tremendously limited as to how we can enforce speed on our streets. Even with those limitations, the Board of Supervisors knew that we needed to take things a step further, and we took action.

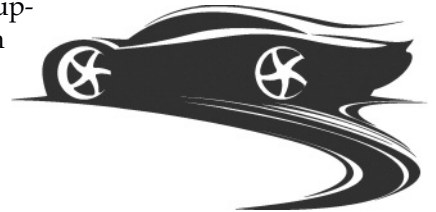
Last year, the Board unanimously passed a resolution requesting our state legislators to pass legislation that had been introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly allowing municipal law enforcement to utilize radar to curb speeding. This resolution of support was then sent to

our local state officials. Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that does not let local police use radar for speed enforcement. It's hard to believe, right?

This bipartisan bill actually had passed the state Senate in 2019, but then languished in the state House leaving our local police with continued antiquated methods to catch speeders on our roadways. Unfortunately, we're back to square one as a new legislative session in Harrisburg has begun.

Needless to say, even though many of us are frustrated that this common-sense measure hasn't been passed and signed into law for decades, we, as a community, need to continue pushing for this to become law to keep our families, children and residents safe. Whether folks are simply going to the grocery store, taking their children to and from activities, going to and from work, or simply running errands, no one should fear or be adversely affected by hazardous racing on our local streets.

The Board of Supervisors will continue to look after the public safety of our residents well into the future as we have done in this regard. I would urge you, as a Hanover Township resident, to reach out to State Representative Ann Flood at 610-746-2100 and State Senator Mario Scavella at 610-863-1200 to let them know you support state legislation allowing our local police to use radar to keep our streets safe.



### Tips for Winter Snow Removal

**We can protect our drinking water resources, the environment, and local habitats by following these snow removal tips:**



#### SHOVEL

##### Limit the Need for Salt

Salt works best when applied before the snow and should never be applied when rain is in the forecast. After the snow be sure to clear all snow from driveways and sidewalks before it turns into ice. Salt should only be applied after the snow is removed and only in areas needed for safety.



#### SPREAD

##### Follow Salt Application Directions

1 lb of salt fits in a 12oz coffee mug and is enough to treat 10 sidewalk squares or 20 feet of driveway. The salt also needs to be spread a few inches apart and should not be laid down in piles or clumps.



#### SWEEP

##### More Salt Does Not Mean More Melting

Excess salt does not help melt ice! If you see leftover salt on the ground after the ice melts, then you have used too much. Sweep up any leftover salt to be reused and to keep it away from our rivers and streams



#### STORE

##### Prevent Damage

Avoid storing salts outdoors to prevent direct contact with grass, plants, trees, stormwater, and even infrastructure. Salt can slow plant growth, contaminate water, produce rusting, and weaken the concrete, brick, and stone that make up our homes.



## EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

### EMS Call Statistics for 2020

Medical Emergencies	1,658
Motor Vehicle Accidents	.....139
Fire Support	.....216
Total calls for the year	..... 2,013



### SNOW FUN SAFETY

Sled riding, snowboarding, skiing, snowmobiles and ATV's are fun winter activities however, you need to think about safety when participating in these activities. Common injuries related to sledding, snowboarding and skiing are fractures, sprains, knee and shoulder injury as well as head injuries.

Below are some safety tips to

keep you safe while having fun in the snow.

- Dress warm make sure you wear a hat, coat, snow pants and gloves. Do not wear scarves so they do not cut caught under the sled or around anything
- Always wear helmet
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Find a hill that is not too steep and has a long flat area at the bottom so there is a place to glide to a stop
- Never sled ride, snowboard or ski down a hill that end near a street or parking lot
- Never sled ride, snowboard or ski down a hill that end near ponds, trees, fences, or other hazards
- Make sure the hill does not have bumps, rocks, poles, or trees in the sledding path.
- Make sure the area is well light if sledding, snowboarding or skiing at night so hazards are visible
- Children 5 and under should sled with an adult, and children under 12 should be watched at all times.
- Everyone should sit face-forward on their sleds with their feet downhill. Never go down the hill face-first because this can lead to a serious head injury.
- Never stand on a sled.
- Everyone should go down the hill one at a time and with only one person per sled (except for adults with young kids).
- Do not build a jump or put a ramp on a sledding hill
- Roll off the sled if you can't stop
- Do not walk up the middle of the hill so you do not get hit by other people sledding
- Never drive a snowmobile or ATV on a roadway
- Never pull a sled with a moving vehicle (ex. car, truck, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle)
- Never hold on to the side of any moving vehicle on a sled, snowboard or skis

## SANTA DAY

A huge Thank You to all our residents for your generous donations you gave to Santa and his elves. This Santa day was a challenge working out how to safely bring Santa to our Township. 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. Thank you to the residents who helped us by posting on the Hanover resident's forum our locations throughout the day.



## WEGMAN'S DONATION

Thank you to Wegmans once again for their gracious lunch donation for Santa and his elves on Santa Day. Santa Day is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this donation makes it possible for us to use all of the donations we receive towards our operational expenses

*Wegmans*

## FUNDRAISING

Watch for our annual fund drive mailing in April. We use your generous donations towards the fire company's annual operational expenses. We rely on your donations to help us help you!

## 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 p.m.

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munity by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, serving as a mentor in the Easton school system and contributing his time to restore the Gertrude Fox Environmental Preserve along the Monocacy Creek. He spent a career developing, among other products, fertilizers. As an incoming, new member of the Board, he hopes not only to bring that knowledge to bear upon efforts by the Board to care for and protect the trees in our Township but also to learn more about preserving the quality of our environment in a modern society.

A resident since 2007, Bill Glose enjoys walking in the Township and its parks. He recently joined the Board to help preserve the greenery that, in his opinion, makes the Township a great place to live. Like Cook, he too was bitten by the horticulture bug as a child. He spent many happy days with his grandfather learning how to grow plants and prune trees. An entrepreneur and business owner-operator, Glose hopes to bring his considerable organizational skills and energy to bear upon Board goals.

Some of the goals the Board hopes to achieve in the near future are to review and update the Township's Approved Street Tree List and to build support for an Oak Wilt Ordinance. Oak Wilt is potentially the next threat to the abundant and mighty oaks in the Township. At present, this is a real problem in the Midwest, but it is moving east. In fact, a number of Townships in the western part of the state have enacted ordinances to ban the pruning of oak trees between April 1st and October 31st, which is viewed as the best, practical and simple way to prevent this disease spread by an insect. The members also hope to explore projects which might be completed in cooperation with Boy and Girl Scout Troops or with the help of other environmental groups to promote the ideals of community service and environmental stewardship. The members would also like to see a more robust effort to replace street trees that have died or were removed.



## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

### Mailboxes

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



### Trees

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



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

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

## POLICE OFFICER

The Colonial Regional Police Department will conduct a test for the position of police officer at a date to be determined. Applications are available from the Colonial Regional Police Dept. 248 Brodhead Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017 Phone: 610 861-4820 or online at [www.colonialregionalpd.org](http://www.colonialregionalpd.org). Completed applications must be returned no later than 4:00 pm February 1, 2021. Minimum Requirements: 21 years of age by June 30, 2021. High School Graduate / GED, U.S. Citizen, and a Valid Driver's License. Hiring process will include a physical fitness test, thorough background investigation, and polygraph examination. Starting Salary is \$59,382 with a great benefit package. Anticipated openings in July 2021. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## A GRANDFATHER GLOWS WITH PRIDE

by Joe Veltri



### CAPTAIN NICOLE C. VELTRI

Nicole graduated Liberty High School in 2007 and was accepted into the US Military Academy at West Point. Nicole graduated West Point in 2011. She entered the Army as an Ordnance Officer and stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer. 2015 Nicole was promoted to Captain. Captain Veltri Nichol in 2017 after serving five years in the regular Army she entered the Active Reserves as a Logistics Officer. In 2021 Nicole will be deployed somewhere in Western Asia.

#### NICOLE'S AWARDS:

Army Commendation Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal  
Army Service Medal

Nicole is married to Barclay Nichol and they have three children. Adelaide (age 6), Connolly (age 5) and Harrison (age 3).

### CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR JESSICA A. VELTRI

November 2020 warrant officer four Jessica A. Veltri took command of the 75th MP detachment (CID), Fort Belvoir, VA.

Chief Warrant Officer Four Jessica Veltri is from Bethlehem, PA. She enlisted in the Army at the age of seventeen on July 18, 2001 and attended Military Police One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Upon graduation from basic training and AIT, she was assigned to the 511th Military Police Company, Fort Drum, NY. She completed her first deployment in January 2002 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom I as a gunner within a Military Police patrol team. Upon redeployment, CW4 Veltri was assigned as a Military Police Investigator to the 177th Military Police Detachment, Fort Drum, NY, where she investigated misdemeanor crimes.

In January 2005, CW4 Veltri attended CID Special Agent training and upon graduation was assigned to the Wiesbaden CID Office, Wiesbaden, Germany. During this assignment she was selected as the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC) Soldier of the Year. In November 2007, CW4 Veltri graduated from the Warrant Officer Candidate Course at Fort Rucker, AL, and was subsequently assigned to the 102d MP Detachment (CID), Schofield Barracks, HI. During this assignment she performed duties as a Team Chief and later deployed as part of a DoD Criminal Investigation Task Force, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

CW4 Veltri's subsequent assignments include Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge at the 75th MP Detachment (CID), Fort Belvoir, VA; Forensic Science Officer/ Assistant Operations Officer at the 22nd MP Battalion (CID), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Forensic Science Officer/ Assistant Operations Officer at the 19th MP Battalion (CID), Schofield Barracks, HI; and Detachment Commander of the 102d MP Detachment (CID), Schofield Barracks, HI. She is currently serving as the Detachment Commander for the 75th MP Detachment (CID), Fort Belvoir, VA.

CW4 Veltri is a graduate of the Warrant Officer Intermediate Level Education Course and her technical training includes the Military Police Investigations Course; Protective Services Training; Advanced Crime Scene Investigative Techniques; FBI Crisis Negotiation; Child Abuse Investigative Techniques; Special Victim's Unit Training; Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis; Advanced Techniques

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## HARRISBURG UPDATE

## Senator Mario Scavello Highlights 2019-20 Legislative Accomplishments

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



Like the lives of all Pennsylvanians, the work of the Senate was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, the Senate shifted our agenda to mobilize a response aimed at saving lives and maintaining essential government services.

The Senate approved legislation to provide immediate assistance to keep hospitals running and make more Personal Protective Equipment

available to health care workers. We voted to provide more accessible unemployment compensation for workers who lost hours or jobs due to the statewide shutdown of employers, and enacted legislation allocating federal funding for county governments, community service providers, first responders and food banks that have been impacted by the virus.

The Senate passed measures allowing counties to implement plans enabling citizens to return to work, requiring clear guidelines to be setup for employers to operate under.

As May ended, the Senate approved a five-month interim state budget to fund critical state services until the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 related shutdown of the economy was fully known and more accurate fiscal projections could be made. Full-year funding was provided for select line items, notably education and food security programs. In November, the Senate finalized the 2020-21 budget without increasing taxes, fees or debt.

The rest of the 2019-20 legislative session was equally productive. Efforts to improve public safety include new laws providing security grants to faith-based institutions and nonprofit organizations and setting significant penalties for the solicitation or advertisement of the sexual services of victims of human trafficking. To ensure that combating crime and rehabilitating criminals are done properly, the Senate passed important policing reforms and criminal justice reforms.

Education changed when COVID-19 closed schools in 2020. The Senate responded by approving legislation setting standards ensuring students continue to learn during the emergency. Other new laws passed and provided \$60 million in school security grants, increased the amount of

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## It's an Honor To Serve You

*by Ann Flood, 138th Legislative District*



I was honored to take the oath of office in early January in the state Capitol in Harrisburg and begin serving as the new state representative for the 138th District in Northampton County.

I plan to work with my colleagues to help protect the health and safety of Pennsylvania workers and businesses as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to their physical health, I

also am very committed to supporting the economic health of businesses, restaurants and workers negatively affected by this crisis.

Some of my other priorities include strengthening the integrity of our election system, fighting for fair and adequate funding for local schools and students, and enhancing access to health care services by driving down the cost.

When I'm not in Harrisburg standing up for the residents of our district, I'll spend a majority of my time working to help local families.

My district office staff and I are here to help resident's access state programs and services. We can help people with PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license applications and renewals, vehicle registration applications and renewals, and other services. We also provide information about and applications for state programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate, PACE/PACENET prescription drug assistance and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). My staff and I also can help residents navigate the state bureaucracy by connecting people with the agency or office that can help with their issue.

I encourage residents to visit my website at [www.RepAnnFlood.com](http://www.RepAnnFlood.com), where they can contact our office by clicking the "contact" tab and filling out an online form. Constituents also can sign up for our email newsletters under the "resources" tab.

I also encourage people to follow me on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood](https://www.facebook.com/RepAnnFlood). While this is a great way to receive updates about our state government, we discourage people from using Facebook to contact us for help with government services. We cannot guarantee the security or privacy of information people submit through Facebook. We therefore ask people to please contact our office directly for assistance.

Residents can contact our Wind Gap office by dialing 610-746-2100 or visit us at 196 W. Moorestown Road. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required to enter the office. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing, appointments are preferred.

We are honored to serve you.



## HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY



*Debra Young, AVP Commercial Services & Janelle Creveling, Customer Satisfaction Manager of Embassy Bank present Vice Chairman Prendeville a check for the Holiday Display on the Township Tract.*



*Sam Borrelli, President Faulkner Chevrolet Cadillac & David Kopew, General Manager Faulkner Subaru present Manager Finnigan a check for the holiday display on the municipal tract.*







*Michael Hieger, Sr. Vice President Operations of Freshpet present Chairman Diacogiannis a check for the Holiday Display on the Township Tract.*



*J.G. Petrucci (left) of J.G. Petrucci Company present Chairman Diacogiannis and Vice Chairman Prendeville a check for the holiday display on the municipal tract.*



*Michael Tierney, Founder & CEO of Stuffed Puffs and Richard Thompson, Managing Partner of the Factory present Public Works Director Milite and Township Manager Finnigan a check for the holiday display of the Municipal Tract.*



*Kent Larsen, Division Manager Republic Services presents Township Manager a check for the holiday display on the Municipal Tract.*



*"Hanover Township thanks Ed Konjoyan and Majestic Realty for their generous donation towards the Township's holiday display."*



**GLOWS WITH PRIDE** *continued from page 10*

for Unresolved Death Investigations; and Advanced Homicide Investigation.

CW4 Veltri's civilian education includes: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in Military Studies from Troy University; Professional Photography Certificate from Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University; Master of Science in Crime Scene Investigation from The George Washington University. CW4 Veltri is also a graduate of the National Forensic Academy, University of Tennessee, and a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 269.

Her awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (7th award), Army Achievement Medal 3OLC, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (1OLC), Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

CW4 Veltri is married to Michael Summers, also an active-duty CID warrant officer, and together they have two children, Jack (age 2) and Dylan (age 4 months). She also has two stepchildren, Hayley (age 15) and Hayden (age 10).

*Editor: Nicole & Jessica are the daughters of John & Patricia Veltri and grandchildren of Joseph & Letitia Veltri all of Hanover Township. Thank you for your service and stay safe.*

**Senator Mario Scavello** *cont'd from page 11*

tax credits available for scholarship organizations under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program, and created the Public Higher Education Funding Commission to make college more accessible and affordable.

In addition to responding to COVID-19, the Senate enacted several health care initiatives, including better access to supplemental screenings for women at high risk for breast cancer, and expanding access to medications for Stage IV, metastatic cancers.

Work also continued to target Pennsylvania's opioid crisis, support our military veterans and give emergency responders the help they need to keep communities safe during the pandemic and beyond.

The past year illustrated how much state government can achieve when the branches work together. Serious challenges remain, as the commonwealth attempts to rebound from the health and fiscal crisis created by the pandemic. I stand ready to confront these challenges with a continuing commitment to protecting public health and preserving civil liberties.

## TREE CARE TIPS FROM THE SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

- 1. PRUNING:** Winter is the perfect time to have your trees pruned while they are in the dormant stage. The branch structure and shape can be seen best without leaves. If your trees are small and you do the pruning, the proper method can be found on the Township website (Zoning/Building, Trees, Pruning) or [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com). Never leave a stub and never cut too close to the trunk into the branch collar. If your trees are larger, it is best to hire an ISA-certified arborist to do the pruning. REMEMBER, never allow a tree to be topped/tipped. This harmful, unsightly practice is the worst thing you can do to your tree.
- 2. MULCH:** When spring comes, put down 3" of mulch in a wide circle around the tree. Never let the mulch touch the trunk, which can cause problems with girdling roots and trunk rot.
- 3. REPLACE THAT STREET TREE:** If your street tree died or you removed it illegally without a permit – replace that tree with one from the Township's Approved Tree List. Our urban canopy needs to be maintained, and Hanover Township has seen an increased number of missing street trees. Get your permit from the Township website. We will all benefit.
- 4. PLANT A TREE:** The best thing you as an individual can do to combat climate change is Plant a Tree. Trees cool the area, give off oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the air, as well as providing aesthetic beauty.

**ARBOR DAY IN PENNSYLVANIA IS APRIL 30th – CONSIDER PLANTING A TREE**



## ASA PACKER NEWS

by Jaclyn Bzura, PTA Vice President

After a refreshing winter break, January 4, 2021 marked the first day the students of Asa Packer Elementary were back in session. On the following evening Asa Packer's PTA held their first ZOOM meeting of the new year that included special guest speakers, Superintendent, Dr. Roy and Julie Bailey from The Foundation of BASD. In that meeting, Dr. Roy spoke of the success of BASD's current Hybrid Model and the diligence of contact tracing, which has been keeping BASD COVID-19 cases at bay. Julie Bailey also shared their incredible new initiative programs, focusing on Mental Health, Anti-Racism, Digital Expansion, Teacher Innovation & Service-Learning Grants and Career Pathway opportunities. For more information and ways to contribute, please visit website: <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/>

Reflecting on earlier months, schooling for the students at Asa Packer looked much different this year. Students, teachers and parents transitioned into the current Hybrid Model with confidence, having the support and open communication of Principal, Mr. Horvath to lead the way. Parents feel there is an undoubtable shared appreciation for all educators; as they have been tremendously flexible and compassionate during these times of change.



The Asa Packer PTA was also impacted by transformation, having to quickly pivot their goals and fundraising efforts from previous pre-COVID-19 objectives. However, Asa's PTA holds strong with an innovative team, who continuously offer their time and dedication to aid the shifting needs of the students, teachers and staff. Several fundraisers like; Puma Face-masks, Tomblers Bakery, Spiritwear and the Holiday Basket Raffle, helped support fun activities and services that brought smiles and laughter to Asa students and teachers/staff alike.

There is definitely a positive vibe that continues to flourish within the Asa Packer Community. Everyone involved in keeping our children, happy, safe, inspired and informed are working together harmoniously. Despite being in the midst of a pandemic, we are all looking forward to what 2021 will bring. Because the opportunity for growth begins with change, and this in itself is exciting knowledge to hold.

You can learn about the achievements and activities at Asa Packer Elementary by visiting website: <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/asapacker/>

Also, keep an eye out for the many fundraisers and volunteer opportunities with the Asa Packer PTA by visiting: <https://asapackerpta.org>.

## 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 Wayne A. Muffley, Patricia L. Milite and Katie L. Kaplan to the Special Events Committee
- Re-appointed Barbara L. Baldo, Esq. to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Re-appointed Barry Check & Paul Pugielli to the Planning Commission
- Re-appointed John C. Tadarro to the Recreation Advisory Board
- Re-appointed Joan F. Witiak & Blair E. Bates to the Shade Tree Advisory Board
- Appointed Gamini A. Vedage and William M. Glose, IV to the Shade Tree Advisory Board
- Appointed Mary Ellen O'Connell and Mary Kay Brezinsky as alternates to the Shade Tree Advisory Board
- Re-appointed Joseph F. Moeser and Brian A Dillman to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Reappointed Jesse J. Chupella and Peter M. Garland as alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board



## 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.

Like all businesses COVID-19 has had a significant impact on Republic's business operations resulting in missed or delayed collection. Please bear with them as they navigate the pandemic.

Specifics concerning recycling can be found on the Republic Website:

<https://www.republicservices.com/customer-support/faq>

Many find themselves suffering from various diseases that are considered terminal. Others have family members and friends fighting the same battle.

There are victories, and our Public Works Director Vince Milite is a glowing example. After fighting Stage 4 colon cancer that metastasized to his liver for two and a half years, nineteen months of chemotherapy, two surgeries and radiation he was labeled "cancer free" on January 13th. Through the entire ordeal he missed very few work days.

The key to Vince's success, a very positive this "isn't going to beat me attitude". If you see Vince, say "hi" to him and keep him and those with burdens in your positive thoughts.



## FYI

### FAKE NEWS & ALTERNATE FACTS, POSTING ISSUES

In the few years 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](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)), our Facebook page or simply pick up the phone and call the Township offices @ 610.866.1140. You might not like the information you're provided, but you'll get accurate and factual information.

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.

### DOG WASTE

The editor noticed the following post on Facebook and it is most appropriate. "Just because it is winter doesn't mean you don't have to clean up after your dog. Be a responsible dog owner. What you allow in your own yard is up to you but don't leave dog waste on other's property or in public spaces. Thanks you."

### WATER & SEWER

The City of Bethlehem provides public water and sewer service for the majority of the Township. If you have an issue with either of these utilities, such as discolored water, contact them directly @ 610.865.7074.

If you live south of Route 22, your water provider is Utilities, Inc. (Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.) and their contact number is 1.800.638.0262. There email address is [customerservice@uiwater.com](mailto:customerservice@uiwater.com).

### STREET LIGHTS

The street lights in the Township are all 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.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*Learning Starts Here*



## All locations of BAPL are offering grab-and-go borrowing!

Place a hold online or by phone, and stop by your favorite BAPL location to pick up your books, movies, CDs, and more. Find out the latest at  
**[www.bapl.org/category/schedule/](http://www.bapl.org/category/schedule/)**

## Have you checked out [bapl.org](http://bapl.org)?

All you need is your library card barcode and pin, and you can:

- Download an **e-book or audio book**
- Stream movies, television, and storybooks with **Kanopy** and **Kanopy Kids**
- Learn a new language with **Mango**
- Browse free digital magazines with **Flipster**
- and so much more!

## Get your library card online!

Don't have a card yet? Fill out the form at  
**[www.bapl.org/online-library-card/](http://www.bapl.org/online-library-card/)**  
to receive access to the library's online resources as well as place grab-and-go holds. Email **[circ@bapl.org](mailto:circ@bapl.org)** with account questions.



**[bapl.org](http://bapl.org) is always open**

### Locations & Hours

*Hours subject to change. Check [bapl.org](http://bapl.org) for current information.*

#### Main Library

11 W. Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610.867.3761  
Mon. – Wed. 9AM – 8PM  
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  
Tues & Thurs 11AM - 5PM  
Weds 11AM - 7PM  
2nd Sat 10AM - 2PM



# YARD WASTE INFORMATION

**Zone I:** Everything EAST of Jacksonville Road from the East Allen border SOUTH to and including Crawford Drive.

**Zone II:** Everything WEST of Jacksonville Road from the East Allen border SOUTH to Stoke Park Road.

**Zone III:** Everything EAST of Jacksonville Road from Crawford Drive SOUTH to the City of Bethlehem border.

**Zone IV:** Everything WEST of Jacksonville Road south of Stoke Park Road SOUTH to the City of Bethlehem border.

*Jacksonville and Stoke Park Roads are collected in Zone IV*

## 2021 PICK UP SCHEDULE

<b><u>ZONE I</u></b>	<b><u>ZONE II</u></b>	<b><u>ZONE III</u></b>	<b><u>ZONE IV</u></b>
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	January 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>February – No Collection</u></b>			
<b><u>March – No Collection</u></b>			
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
July 6 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>August – No Collection</u></b>			
September 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	September 27 <sup>th</sup>
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	October 18 <sup>th</sup>	October 25 <sup>th</sup>
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	November 15 <sup>th</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b><u>December – No Collection</u></b>			

The pickup will start in the northern most part of each zone on MONDAY (unless noted) and proceed southerly. Yard waste must be curbside NO LATER than 7:00 a.m. on the dates noted above. The yard waste truck will make only one pass through each zone during the week identified. Material must be placed curbside either in the 92-gallon Township container, other rigid containers, or Yard Waste Bags available at local retailers and home improvement stores. Containers other than the 92-gallon barrels provided by the Township must weigh less than 70 lbs. ***Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.***

### **YARD WASTE ACCEPTED MATERIAL**

- Leaves <sup>(1)</sup>
- Small Brush – up to 4" in diameter (no longer than 6 feet, tied & bundled)
- Hedge & shrub trimmings, garden plants residue
- Christmas trees free of ornaments, lights, garland, tinsel, stands & plastic bags

- (1) Leaves will be picked up starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October (October 18<sup>th</sup>) continuing through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December (December 6<sup>th</sup>) when raked to the curb.
- (2) Recycle your grass using a mulching mower or by cutting your lawn frequently and leaving the grass on the lawn. This does not contribute to thatch and provides an excellent fertilizer. You can place your grass out for the regular trash collection, but this is not recommended by the Township or the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

**Violations are subject to fines and/or prosecution under Chapter 148 Solid Waste.**

Yard waste is only picked up where residents place refuse and recycling curbside for collection. If you have questions, please contact the Township @ 610.866.1140.

**This schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and Township operational needs.**

Schedule is also available on the Township Website [www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)

### **NOT ACCEPTED**

- Grass <sup>(2)</sup>
- Sod
- Tree stumps
- Ornamental Grass



## 2021 Hanover Township Residential Waste & Recycling Schedule

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Waste & Recycling Holidays	
January	
1:	New Year's Day
May	
31:	Memorial Day
September	
6:	Labor Day
November	
26:	Thanksgiving Day

**Holiday Schedule:** During weeks with a holiday all collections are moved one day later during that week subsequent to the holiday. Holidays are identified by a "H".

Residential Waste & Recycling days are shaded in **GREEN**.

Residential Waste only days are shaded in **YELLOW**.

**No change in Days or Zones.**

# Hanoverview

Hanover Township Newsletter

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PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
US POSTAGE PAID  
LEHIGH VALLEY, PA  
PERMIT NO. 522

DELIVER AS ADDRESSED  
OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

## Essential Workers:



There are people who are performing extraordinary tasks in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE:**

*Thank  
You!*

Doctors  
Nurses  
Emergency Room Technicians  
Paramedics  
EMT'S  
First Responders  
Fire Fighters  
Police Officers  
Public Works Staff  
Township Employees

Nursing Home Staff  
Assisted Living Facility Staff  
Independent Living Facility Staff  
Grocery Store Employees  
(i.e., Weis, Wegmans, etc.)  
Mass Retailers  
(i.e., Lowe's, Home Depot,  
Walmart, Target, etc.)  
Truckers delivering life sustaining  
equipment, medical supplies,  
groceries, etc.

Pharmacists  
Pharmacy Techs  
Pharmacy Employees  
Gas Station Attendants  
Restaurateurs and their  
employees who are  
providing take-out  
meals,  
ETC, ETC!!!