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Hanoverview

Please welcome newly sworn OFFICER ASPEN GAITA to the CRPD

by John N. Diacogiannis – Chairman Board of Supervisors and CRPC

Officer Gaita was born and raised in Stroudsburg, PA. In 2015 she graduated from Stroudsburg Area High School. She then attended Kent State University in Ohio prior to transferring to East Stroudsburg University (ESU) where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. After graduation, she enrolled in the Allentown Police Academy and became part of the class of 2019. After graduating from the Police Academy, she was hired as a part-time officer with the Delaware Water Gap PD, Roseto Borough PD, and the Washington Township PD.

Law enforcement seems to be in her DNA, as evidenced in our discussion on her decision to enter the field. She explained that "I decided to become a police officer when I was in my last year of high school. When it was time for me to go off to college, I realized that I would have to choose a career that I would most likely spend the rest of my life doing. While trying to think of where I would fit in and where I would enjoy working, I often found myself looking into the law enforcement field. Growing up, I always looked up to my father. I admired his integrity and his loyalty to his partners as well as his department; it made me want to be a part of something bigger than myself. I also liked how he got to help people, even if it was something little. He had the opportunity to impact someone's life."

As we all have seen, there has been a lot of changes within law enforcement over the years. Law enforcement, particularly police services is constantly evolving. She



sees policing in the next ten years producing a better trained, better equipped, and professional police force. "Technology will give us the tools we need in the field, while enhanced training will make an officer well rounded and able to deal with all situations encountered."

Her near-term career goal is to become a k-9 handler and utilize her k-9 for investigative drug work. She also aspires to move up within

the department and eventually hold a detective's or supervisor's position. "As a CRPD officer, I have a many opportunity. I have the chance to advance and grow within my career. I also have the ability to attend training to better myself within my career." There are many challenges with becoming a police officer and there are many opportunities one can have. The most challenging aspect for her during her first few months is learning both jurisdictions' (Hanover and Lower Nazareth) roads, along with the many developments within the jurisdictions.

"I am elated to have the opportunity to start my policing career with the Colonial Regional Police Department." If you see Officer Gaita around the Township, please introduce yourself and give her a hearty welcome.

In addition to Officer Gaita, in June 2021, CRPD hired two other officers. Ryan Heinrich and Renee Font are currently attending the Allentown Police Academy. We expect to welcome them to the roles of sworn police officers in December, when they complete their Act 120 Certification. I'll be sure to introduce them in the Winter Edition of *Hanoverview*.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 *by Jay Finnigan*



All of us at an age to remember, know exactly where we were and what we were doing on September 11, 2001. Can you imagine sitting in your corner office on the 56th floor of 2 World Trade Center (WTC), southwest corner, with a beautiful view of the Statue of Liberty? A survivor of 911 shared his story with those that attended the Patriot Day Program in the

Hanover Township Community Center. Jeff Perlman was sitting at his desk when One World Trade Center was struck by American Flight 93 originating from Boston at 8:46 a.m.

Employed by Dean Witter Reynolds, he had already survived the first attack on the WTC on February 26, 1993, when he was on the 67th floor of Two World Trade Center.

After the initial chaos of September 11th began to settle, he and his fellow employees were told to get back to work after he had taken an elevator to the 44th floor and walked down the stairs to the 30th floor. Undaunted and knowing something was wrong he went into and stayed in survival mode until he was safely home in Holtsville, NY on Long Island even after being told on the 14th floor to return to his office.

Jeff was on the 14th floor when 2 WTC was struck at 9:03 a.m. by United Flight 175, also originating in Boston. He continued down and was directed by New York Police officers through Five WTC he makes it to Trinity Church as 2 WTC collapses. Running like a chicken with its head cut off to escape the black cloud of smoke and debris, he's first locked out of TGIF's but the door opens and he seeks refuge. Next, he's evacuated from TGIF after 1 WTC collapses. He makes it to the South Ferry (Staten Island) and is loaded on a bus that drops him off at FDR Drive and 34th Street. Flags down a UPS truck that takes him and two other strangers through the Queens Midtown Tunnel.

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GENERAL ELECTION 2021 ♦ *From County Executive Lamont McClure*



It's hard to believe, but election season is almost here. 2021 is a municipal year which means we won't experience the excitement and long lines that come with a presidential contest. However, local elections have direct impact on our communities in terms of zoning,

taxes, services, etc. County-wide offices, municipal offices, state, and magisterial judges are all on the ballot.

Although all of Northampton County's 156 polling stations will be fully staffed on Nov. 2nd, it is likely that, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases, the majority of voters will choose to cast their ballots by mail. For many, voting by mail is still a novel experience. Until Act 77 passed in 2019, citizens had to provide a legitimate excuse not to vote at the polls. Northampton County is working hard to provide voter education so that ballots won't be rejected due to a technicality.

Anyone who wants to vote via a mail-in or absentee ballot must apply at the Elections Office or at vote.pa.gov by Oct. 26th. Ballots must be sealed inside of the secrecy envelope and can be rejected if the secrecy envelope contains any identifying symbols or marks. Also, the return envelope must be signed and dated. This year the signature and date lines will be highlighted to remind people to complete those sections.

Ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 8:00PM on Nov. 2nd in order to be counted. They can be returned through the U.S. mail, in one of the County's four secure ballot drop off boxes or directly to the Elections Office. Postage is included on the return envelope. Voters do not need to add a stamp.

As author Sharon Salzberg once said, "Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world." Please let your friends and neighbors know that Northampton County wants everyone to vote and for every vote to count.

HISTORY IN A BASEMENT IN HANOVER

by Jay Finnigan

Have you ever walked into a room or place and been overwhelmed by the items you see and the history and pageantry? I've had that happen to me at museums, the Army Navy Game, World Series games, NBA, NHL and MLB playoff games, the White House and other places.

Well, it happened to me recently when I was invited into the basement of a Township resident's home. Joe Veltri, a very unassuming individual who graciously wrote about his two granddaughters currently serving in the Army two editions of the Hanoverview ago, has a Military Museum in his basement. I was visiting on a personal mission, and Joe asked me if I ever saw his basement. I'd heard rumors, but never saw it myself. Joe let me go down the stairs to the basement first and it hit me like a ton of bricks. I was in a museum.

In Joe's basement are military firearms, uniforms, medals, pins, helmets, bayonets, swords, knives and much, much more from a number of Wars and Countries. In his basement is his brother Pete's items and pictures from Korea, his granddaughter Jessica's West Point uniform and sword. Nichole is now a Captain serving overseas. His granddaughter Jessica's uniforms and pins. Jessica is a Chief Warrant Officer 4, the Commander of the 75th Military Police detachment at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Jessica's husband Michael Summers is also a Chief Warrant Office (CID Special Agent) also stationed at Ft. Belvoir. He also has Nicole's husband's great uncle Charles Barclay Stout's Navy Cross and Purple Heart. Petty Officer Stout was seventeen years old when he was killed in action caring for Marines in 1944 in the South Pacific. Joe also has his wife's father, Andrew Connolly's pic-

ture, in his Irish Republic Army uniform and his discharge papers.

I asked Joe if he had ever served in the military. Joe was a long time US Postal Service Safety expert and tried to join the Navy when he was seventeen but failed the physical due to a heart condition. So, what got you started Joe, I asked. "My brother Pete was drafted into the Army and served in



the Korean War. He fought in a number of battles including Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy. He sent letters back and forth and he was sharing what was going on." His brother was awarded two Bronze Stars. He started to collect when he returned home.

I asked, most collectors have favorite items in their collection. "I have a number of Purple Hearts and information on the recipient. I have the WW2 diary of David Bond when he was a prisoner of war in Germany, his dog tags, prisoner of war medal and photos. I also have Jose M. Perez's Purple Heart, letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, pictures of Jose and the last letter he sent to his family before he was killed in action and a number of other items belonging to him. To me these items are priceless and could never be replaced and shows what our service men and women went through during WW2."

I asked Joe how he found the unbelievable collection of history in his basement in Hanover Township. "I find them in newspaper ads, garage sales, and from people who see my Museum. They sell me items and others donate them to me."

I never served, but many family members including my father, uncles, aunt, cousins, brother-in-law, nephew and nephew-in-law all served honorably. I



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History in a Basement

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consider myself pretty unemotional, but was overwhelmed with emotion spending time in Joe Veltri and his wife Tesha's basement.

Joe is willing to share his museum with anyone that has an interest in seeing it. Joe can be reached at jv1038@aol.com or feel free to contact me.



Joe just acquired these items from Peggy Kraynanski. Her father Lt. George W. Gee was a Navigator on a bomber shot down over Midway Island in 1943. His plane and the crew was never found. Peggy was born after her dad's death. They never met each other.



Larissa Pelletiers – Gold Award – Girl Scouts

by Supervisor Susan Lawless, Esq.

I am sure most of you reading this article have already heard that the Girl Scouts of the USA are going to be selling a brand-new cookie flavor during the upcoming 2022 selling season, typically from January to April each year.

Called Adventurefuls, the new cookie has a caramel center and a chocolate base with the cookie itself being brownie flavored. What may not be as well known is that those cookie sales are used to develop real world business skills while connecting our communities. In other words, they use cookie sales to develop tomorrow's CEOs.

Girl Scouts are motivated to earn badges where the skills and activities necessary to achieve them invite them to explore new interests and learn new skills. They are also encouraged to take "journeys" in which an individual Girl Scout is asked to identify a community problem the candidate wishes to address, come up with a sustainable, creative solution that will make a difference, create a plan to make that solution a reality, identify a team to implement that plan and then put that plan into action. Such journeys at all levels of Girl Scouting offer obvious opportunities to demonstrate leadership, gain organizational skills and experience team dynamics and the management of them.



As Scouts progress through these journeys, Junior Girl Scouts can achieve a Bronze Award and, next level Cadettes, the Girl Scout Silver Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA which can only be earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who have been the recipient of the Silver Award. Only 5.4% of all eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award. At all age levels, individual achievement is linked with community service.

A candidate for the Gold Award must identify an expressed community need outside of Girl Scouting. If completed, the project must benefit a suggested minimum of 10 people and involve a volunteer team of five or more non-related people to help the candidate reach the goal. It must be accompanied by a timeline and a budget which outlines the source of all funding needed. The project must demonstrate that its effects will last beyond the Scout's involvement in the project. The project cannot be a one-day or one-time event and should involve a minimum of 80 hours.

The candidate must submit a written report to the governing Council once it has been completed.

The Township's most recent recipient of the prestigious Gold Award is Larissa Pelletiers. Having started her scouting career in kindergarten, Ms. Pelletiers earned her Bronze Award in elementary school. She joined Troop

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TWO NEW EAGLE SCOUTS



Daniel Solomon Caine



Robert Anthony James

Daniel Solomon Caine

On April 29, 2021, Daniel Solomon Caine was awarded his Eagle Scout. David is a member of Troop 318 Boy Scout Troop 318, Rosemont Church, Bethlehem, PA.

For his Eagle Project, Daniel for his Eagle Project Daniel renovated, organized, cleaned and disposed of items in the basement of Congregation Brith Sholom, Bethlehem, PA, including the construction of three new shelves for storage.

Daniel held leadership positions in Troop 318 as a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Patrol Leader.

Daniel is attending Kutztown University with a major in education and a minor in video design and broadcasting.

Daniel is the son of David and Sarah Caine and the brother of Ethan & Judy.

Robert Anthony James

On August 9, 2021, Robert Anthony James was awarded his Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held by Troop 302 The First Presbyterian Church, Center St. Bethlehem, PA.

For his Eagle Project, Robert added a wooden deck to an already existing gazebo and installed weed proof drainage and store drainage under the deck. The Monocacy Farm Project, The School Sisters of St. Francis, Bridle Path Road benefit from the project.

Robert held leadership positions in Troop 302 as a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Order of Arrow and Quartermaster.

Robert is attending Bucknell University, studying computer engineering.

Robert is the son of Bill and Vilma James and the brother of Kaitlin James.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE POOL

by Michael J. Prendeville, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman

As Chairman of the Pool Advisory Board, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide a brief update on our activities concerning the pool. Immediately following the completion of the study conducted by Terracon of the soil and ground conditions under and around the current pool (phase 1/geotechnical study), the Pool Advisory Group requested the Board of Supervisors to post bids for an evaluation and feasibility study of options regarding the restoration of a community pool within the Township (phase 2/feasibility study). There were 7 bids submitted from organizations that specialize in municipal pools, of which 3 were selected to move to an interview phase. The Pool Advisory Group recommended BKP Architects to the Board of Supervisors, who in turn, approved a motion to hire BKP. BKP was selected because of its varied experience and reputation. Equally important is that they approach their projects with 4 main tenets:



- ✓ Architecture/StructureEvaluation/Project Lead/Project Management
- ✓ Pool Evaluation/Pool Design
- ✓ Geotechnical Engineering (Geology)
- ✓ Cost Estimating

The ground conditions in Hanover Township are dominated by dense deposits of limestone which are susceptible to the formation of sink holes when certain conditions are present. Such soils, and the fact that one or more sink holes likely caused or contributed to the failure of the current pool, required that the team addressing feasibility include a skilled geotechnical engineer with local experience to provide advice to the designers and the Township on behalf of its residents, the project stakeholders.

BKP has been retained to provide answers to the following key questions:

- ✓ Can the pool be repaired and re-used?
- ✓ Can the pool be partially repaired/supplemented with new features (hybrid approach)?
- ✓ Should the pool be removed and replaced with a new pool?

During August, BKP sought resident input through a township wide survey. There were 1,834 responses to the survey (79% response rate) which was centered on 13

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Colonial Regional Police Promotions

Congratulations to Sgt. Keith Kulp and Sgt. Thomas Mahalick who were just promoted to sergeant positions. Sgt. Kulp has been with our department for 21 years. During his time, he has been a field training officer, certified in weights and measures as well as a member of the Northampton County Drug Task Force. Sgt. Mahalick has also been with CRPD for 21 years and is the department firearms instructor.



Sgt. Keith Kulp at his pinning with his wife and daughters.



Sgt. Thomas Mahalick at his pinning with his wife.



Pictured with the new officers are Lower Nazareth commissioner James Pennington, Deputy Chief Melinsky, Chief DePalma, Hanover commissioners Jack Nagle and John Diacogiannis.

NEW OFFICERS

Monday, June 28th the Colonial Regional Police Department welcomed three new police officers Aspen Gaita, Ryan Heinrich and Renee Font

Officer Aspen Gaita graduated from East Stroudsburg University and has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. She is already Act 120 certified and previously worked part time for the Delaware Water Gap PD, Roseto Borough PD, and the Washington Township PD

Ryan graduated from State University of New York College with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He previously worked as a Lieutenant at the Northampton County Prison and he serves in the reserves of the United States Navy.

Renee graduated from Northampton County Community College and was formerly employed by Monroe County Prison on their CERT team and by Northampton County Prison where she was part of the gang unit.

Aspen will begin her Field Training program with Officer Schippang while Ryan and Renee are attending the Allentown Police Academy to obtain their Act 120 training.



CRPD 15TH SHOP WITH A COP

Saturday, December 11, 2021



ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE POOL *continued from page 5*

questions posed to residents. Some of the key findings of the survey were:

- ✓ 93% of respondents wanted to see the pool re-opened
- ✓ 53% of respondents would like a new pool constructed
- ✓ 47% of respondents would like the pool repaired or a hybrid constructed

The top 3 amenities for a pool included shade structures, food service, and swim lessons. Following the survey, BKP conducted a virtual Zoom meeting for all interested residents to gather their specific feedback. Approximately 95 residents attended that session. BKP will conclude its evaluation by the end of September. After the study is submitted, the Board of Supervisors will begin to evaluate the options presented and make decisions on next steps. Understandably, the amount of time taken to remedy a solution to the pool has been challenging. Unfortunately, due to the seasonality of construction and the length of time required in the municipal bidding cycle, the pool won't open in 2022. Rest assured; the Pool Advisory Board has been working extremely hard on this issue on behalf of all our residents. Stay tuned!!!

DON'T TOP TREES

Shade Tree Advisory Board



Besides being unsightly, topping is one of the worst things you can do to a tree, and it is illegal in Hanover Township (Ordinance Chapter 168-5 B-1).

Topping places great stress on a tree and forces it to send up many weakly attached shoots that usually grow back higher than the original branches.

Topping starves the tree by removing food-producing leaves and forcing the tree to use its stored-up energy to send out numerous new shoots.

Topping produces large stubs that are vulnerable to insect invasion and fungi.

Tree topping should never be confused with proper pruning.

For more information go to www.treesaregood.org, Tree Owner Information (at top), Pruning Your Trees (on left side), why topping hurts trees (pdf file at very bottom).

Hire only firms with ISA-certified arborists on staff. Many people say they are "licensed" or expert tree workers, but that is not the same as a certified arborist.

REPLACE YOUR STREET TREE

There have been too many Township street trees that have been illegally removed or have died and have not been replaced. According to our Ordinance, Chapter 168-5 B (2) (a), you are legally required to replace that missing tree with one from the Township's Approved Tree List. Go to the Township website, get the tree list, and fill out a free permit. Fall is the perfect time to plant a tree.



SCHOOL'S OPEN

Please be cognizant that school is open, and many children are walking to and from school around the morning and evening work commuting times. Also, please pay attention when approaching and engaging a school bus.



Hanover Township Community Center

Director: Matt DeGeorge • Assistant Director: C.J. Lindsay

Calendar

Fall 1 Programming Successfully Began	Monday August 30th
Patriot Day Remembrance a huge success	Saturday September 11th
Fall Festival	Saturday October 2nd
Winter Tree Lighting & Holiday Program	Friday December 3rd

Hanover Township Community Center Update

HTCC is committed to helping our members and partners take necessary steps to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the parks and public spaces we manage, and make well-informed decisions on adaptive and emergency operations.

HTCC urges its members to frequently refer to and follow the recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as guidance is continually updated as additional information becomes available for the re-opening and restarting of the Community Center and programming within the Community Center.

Current HTCC Fall 1 Programming

Fall 1 Programming

Recreation — Youth and Adult Martial Arts, Intro to Dance, Level 1 Dance (Tap/Ballet)

Sports — Junior Tennis Clinic, HTCC & GLVA Basketball Clinic, Open Gym Pickleball

Fitness — Yoga, Core Yoga, Silver Sneakers Classic, Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga, Spin Class, Low Level Weights, Step Aerobics, Zumba and Body Toning.

Please visit hanovercommunitycenter.com for more information or to register for our Recreation/Sport classes.

Members of HTCC can register for all fitness classes at the front desk of the community center or by calling our front desk at 610-317-8701.

HTCC Mission Statement

The mission of the Hanover Township Community Center is to offer families and individuals the opportunity to participate in innovative and comprehensive programs designed to enrich social and physical growth while enhancing the community well-being.

Join Us on Thursday, October 7th for the return of BINGO!

BINGO RETURNS TO HTCC

Previously, in years' past HTCC held a community bingo night the first Thursday of the month. This will be RETURNING on Thursday, October 7th. Due to condensed hours due to staffing, it will be earlier. We plan on starting the games at 6 PM and ending at 8 PM.

BINGO
Returns Thursday, October 7th



We will have prizes and items for winners. Games will be priced at \$25. Our caterer will be having food for purchase, which will be different from years' past. Local Mama catering will be supplying chicken fingers, pierogies etc. for a delicious treat as we look to revamp this program.

**Any questions, feel free to reach out
Matt DeGeorge, Recreation Director**

Look-Ahead to Fall 2 Programming

Recreation— Youth & Adult Martial Arts, Kidz Art Saturdays, Color me Happy! (Adult Art), Intro to Dance (Tap/Ballet), Intro to Piano as well as Intro to Theatre Games

Sports— Junior Tennis Clinic and Adult Volleyball Clinic

Fitness— Yoga, Core Yoga, Silver Sneakers Classic, Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga, Spin Class, Low Level Weights, Step Aerobics, Zumba, Body Toning and a new Dance workout class.





AMAZING ATHLETES



The Hanover Township Community Center is excited to announce our partnership with Amazing Athletes!

“At Amazing Athletes, we empower children by using sports as a catalyst to engage their inner strengths and abilities so they can confidently pursue an active lifestyle through each stage of development.”

Please see below for a list of October classes.

Amazing Tots - October - Tuesdays (starting 10/5/21) and/or Fridays (10/8/2021)

Age: 18 months to 2 years 5 months old

Tuesdays at 4:00 - 4:20 PM (20 minute class) - \$44/month (\$11 per week)

Fridays at 9:30 - 9:50 AM (20 minute class) - \$44/month (\$11 per week)

Amazing Athletes - October - Tuesdays (starting 10/5/21) and/or Fridays (10/8/2021)

Age: 2 years 6 months old to 3 years 11 months old

Tuesdays at 4:25 - 4:55 PM (30 minute class) - \$56/month (\$14 per week)

Fridays at 9:55 - 10:25 AM (30 minute class) - \$56/month (\$14 per week)

-OR-

Age: 4 years old to 5 years 11 months old

Tuesdays at 5:00 - 5:30 PM (30 minute class) - \$56/month (\$14 per week)

Fridays at 10:30 - 11:00 AM (30 minute class) - \$56/month (\$14 per week)

Registration is now open at <https://amazingathletes.com/lehighvalley/>

Hanover View Recap

Welcome back Hanover Township residents! We are pleased to announce that the Community Center is now open and we are excited to be offering a full roster of events and activities. On the schedule now is an array of classes and workshops for all ages, ranging from Tennis and Martial Arts to Arts & Crafts and Music. Aerobic classes are now running Mondays through Fridays and Bingo is back, beginning in October.

Don't forget to check out our website <https://hanovercommunitycenter.com/about>, and look for us on Facebook and Instagram.

Special events upcoming
FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2, 2021

Hanover Township's Fall Festival has it all and is a great start to the fall season! As one of our largest special events, the Fall Festival offers music, food, a free pumpkin patch, tractor rides through the foliage of the municipal complex and a haunted house in the Community Center!



Fall Festival October 2nd, 2021



Our Fall Festival will be 'Pirate' Themed this year!

Join Us on Saturday, October 2nd from 12—4 p.m.

We will have vendors, pony rides, face painting, Kettle Corn, hay rides, arts & crafts and a Pirate entertainment show for the first time!

Outdoor Park Safety & Etiquette



NEWS YOU CAN USE

by Representative Ann Flood, 138th Legislative District



I'm pleased to inform you about two opportunities available to local residents. The first is designed specifically for our military veterans, while the second could potentially help anyone.

My district office staff and I are offering a monthly, in-person assistance program for area veterans and their families at my district office in Wind Gap on the second Wednesday of each month.

An American Legion service officer will be available to discuss benefits and help file claims. Those interested in scheduling an appointment should call 610-746-2100. Our office is located at 196 W. Moorestown Road.

Veterans in our area are encouraged to take advantage of this free service. They deserve to receive all the benefits coming to them and we are pleased to assist them in that process.

The second opportunity could help people identify and locate money that is owed to them. The Pennsylvania Treasury Department is currently holding billions of dollars in unclaimed property, with approximately one in 10 residents eligible to recoup that property.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset that has been left inactive by the owner for a period of three years or more. The most common kinds of unclaimed property include savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, unclaimed insurance benefits and items abandoned in forgotten safe deposit boxes. The amounts can range from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars.

The Treasury is required to advertise the names and addresses of unclaimed property owners in their last known county of residence, but only if the property is valued in excess of \$250. The names and addresses of unclaimed property owners appear in the newspaper only once per year, even though they may be owed multiple pieces of property. State officials are also cautioning individuals to be wary of services or "finders" that charge costly fees to help locate unclaimed property.

There is no need to pay a private service to submit a claim when there is a FREE and more effective way to conveniently determine if the state is holding some of your money.

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Government Working for You and Living Within It's Means

by Senator Mario M. Scavello,
Senate District 40 (includes Hanover Township)



I'm sure that your family operates on a budget. You've learned to live within your means and work hard to make good financial decisions to guarantee your family is provided for. These budgets all look a little different but at the end of the day, families across Pennsylvania make sure that ends meet, and their families are cared for.

I firmly believe government should be absolutely no different. State government must also live within its means while making sure that it delivers on the items that government is expected to provide. During my time in Pennsylvania state government, I'm proud to say that I've been on the leading edge of that effort in the PA General Assembly.

Pennsylvania's current Personal Income tax (PIT) rate remains at 3.07% and is a flat rate. This is despite pushes over the last decade to raise taxes higher and take more out of the pockets of hardworking Pennsylvanians. I've consistently pushed back against government reaching further into your wallets and am proud to say that there has not been an increase in the Pennsylvanian PIT since 2004.

Further, we have kept the PA sales tax rate at 6% since 1968. Enacted at 1% in 1954, the sales tax rose by 500% in just 14 short years. I've worked diligently to hold the line on the sales tax rate increases and calls to make additional items subject to that tax that are not today. This includes a recent call to literally tax you "from cradle to grave" under a proposal that would have caused items like disposable diapers as well as caskets and burial plots taxed amongst numerous others!

Still, as we continue to hold the line on state taxes and spending, I continue to work diligently to ensure that PA government works for you. Consider transportation and infrastructure improvements. During my time in the senate, we have rebuilt or completely rehabilitated 60 bridges within the 40th District. Additionally, major roadways like State Routes 512, 191, and 248 have been resurfaced. Improvements also continue on the major roads like Routes 33 and 22 which serve as major arteries through Northampton County. Next summer, Route 22 in Hanover

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To search Pennsylvania's unclaimed property online database, go to the Treasury Department's website, www.patreasury.gov, and follow the simple instructions. If you would like help, please call our district office at 610-746-2100 and we can search the website for you to determine if you have unclaimed property.

For more helpful information like this, please visit my website at www.RepAnnFlood.com and follow me on Facebook at

www.Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood.

GOVERNMENT WORKING FOR YOU *continued from page 12*

Township is scheduled to be paved along with Route 33 from the Tatamy exit south to Route 22. Other work along these routes will also include the rehabilitation of entrance and exit ramps.

In Pennsylvania we also continue to increase the amount of state funding that our local school districts receive year after year without raising taxes. These new dollars are distributed through the new Basic Education Funding Formula which ensures more equitable funding of public education while lessening financial pressures on local school boards to increase already high property taxes. We have also been able to provide additional funding to schools during the pandemic to allow districts to complete capital projects like retrofitting HVAC units and other projects in school buildings that keep our kids safe. These investments allow for children to return to the classroom five days a week, where they absolutely must be, after the brain-drain caused by the chaos of the last 18 months.

I'm proud to be a leading voice for fiscal restraint in Harrisburg and will continue to fight for sound fiscal policies and push to eliminate waste in state government. If you would ever like to speak to me about this or any other state related topic or to meet with me in person, please reach out to my Northampton County office at 610-863-1200. You can also follow me on Facebook, just search for "Senator Scavello." We also publish an email newsletter that you can sign up for on my website www.senatorscaavello.com or by calling my office. Lastly, if you ever wish to visit your PA State Capitol please let us know. We would be happy to set you up with a tour and if I am in Harrisburg, I'd love to show you around. It is a great educational experience for kids!

EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS CALL STATISTICS

Jan. - Aug. 2021

Medical Emergencies1,2577
Motor Vehicle Accidents106
Fire Support146
Total1,509



SOCIAL ISOLATION/DEPRESSION

The world we live in today can be very complicated. We have been in a pandemic for over a year and a half with such uncertainty. We have been locked down in our houses, unable to see family and friends, unable to get daily needed supplies and many people had to transition to working from home. That in itself seems like it would be awesome however, you lose the socialization part of being with your coworkers. Seems like every time you turn on the news there was another shooting, murder, fatal accident, flooding, etc. There never seems to be good news. This becomes very depressing and is not healthy.

Do we cause some of the lack of socialization to ourselves by not talking to one another because we would rather play on our phones? How many times do you actually sit down with family and friends and have a face-to-face conversation without having your cell phone in your hand and answering text messages, phone calls, scrolling thru TikTok, Instagram, Facebook or any other social media platform?

We need to put down the electronic devices and have more face-to-face interactions with people. People need people. Do you ever feel like you are having a conversation by yourself because the person you are talking to is playing on their phone? This is very unhealthy and leads to major disconnects to society as a hole leading to depression.

Depression is on the rise due to the lack of socialization and communication. Do you ask your family and friends sincerely how they are feeling? Do you take the time each day to talk with your spouse, your Mom and Dad, best friend to see how their day went? Do you have open communication with them to make sure they are not depressed and do not need help?

SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION

- * Feelings of sadness, tearfulness, emptiness or hopelessness
- * Angry outbursts, irritability or frustration, even over small matters

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- * Loss of interest or pleasure in most or all normal activities, such as sex, hobbies or sports
- * Sleep disturbances, including insomnia or sleeping too much
- * Tiredness and lack of energy, so even small tasks take extra effort
- * Reduced appetite and weight loss or increased cravings for food and weight gain
- * Anxiety, agitation or restlessness
- * Slowed thinking, speaking or body movements
- * Feelings of worthlessness or guilt, fixating on past failures or self-blame
- * Trouble thinking, concentrating, making decisions and remembering things
- * Frequent or recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts or suicide
- * Unexplained physical problems, such as back pain or headaches

Life is too short, and tomorrow is not guaranteed. Live for today not tomorrow. Put down your phones and enjoy the company of the people around you.

If you need to talk to someone contact the National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

GOLD AWARD *continued from page 4*

81083 in 5th grade. In 2016, she earned the Silver Award by manufacturing a supply of teddy bears to be distributed to patients at Lehigh Valley Hospital. For her Gold Award project, Ms. Pelletiers designed and created a children's library and reading room for her church, Light of Christ Lutheran Church, and its preschool. Ms. Pelletiers re-designed the reading room and oversaw its new organization to maximize the space as a safe and fun environment for children to enjoy reading. She was involved in and managed the construction of new shelving and the application of a fresh coat of paint. Thereafter, books were collected to supplement the existing library, re-organized and placed on the new shelves to maximize their use in the newly inviting space. Ms. Pelletiers received her Gold Award in 2020. The congregation's children and the community continue to enjoy this space today. A graduate of Liberty High School, Ms. Pelletiers is entering her second year of college at the Colorado School of Mines where she is preparing for a career as an engineer. The Township congratulates Larissa Pelletiers on her achievement!

The Girls Scouts of Eastern PA is the Council serving our community. Anyone interested in joining the Girl Scouts, as a member or leader, can obtain information on doing so at www.gsep.org or bethlehemgirlscouts@gmail.com.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS**

Please do not park on the street during a snow storm. First, it makes plowing streets more difficult and more importantly it causes issues with subsequent snow storms both to equipment and our public works staff. Frozen snow and ice is not visible where vehicles were parked and it causes damages to plows when they hit it as well as jolts the driver of the vehicle. Please visit <https://sites-hanover.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/10132021/Policy-33.pdf> and read our complete Township Snow Operations Policy. With everyone cooperating, we can all have cleaner and safer streets after a snow storm. Without cooperation regulations will need to be enforced, i.e. parking tickets or towing!

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

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

MAILBOXES

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

TREES

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

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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

by Fire Chief Scott VanWhy

COMING SOON!



SAVE THE DATE/SANTA'S ARRIVAL

Saturday, December 11th 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 through out the day. Have your Mom and Dad mark it on your calendars. Santa always welcomes your gracious donations to help the Fire Company.

AMAZON SHOPPING

Another way to help the Fire Company is to use Amazon Smile. Our Company is registered on the Amazon Smiles program. This program donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to the Fire Company. Every dollar helps us to help you. Please check out the Amazon Smiles program at smile.amazon.com

Charity name: Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co
Details on the program:



WHAT IS AMAZON SMILE?

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

HOW DO I SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE?

To shop at Amazon Smile go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at Amazon Smile.

WHICH PRODUCTS ON AMAZON SMILE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS?

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

CAN I USE MY EXISTING AMAZON.COM ACCOUNT ON AMAZON SMILE?

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

FUND DRIVE DONATIONS

THANK YOU for your gracious donations to our Annual Fund Drive. 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.

Visit our website: www.htvfc.org
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK



KEEPING RESIDENTS INFORMED THROUGH STREAMING PUBLIC MEETINGS ONLINE

by Supervisor Jeff Warren



One of the adjustments Hanover Township made last year as we battled the COVID-19 crisis in our community was making sure we had a solid foundation for online public meetings that ensured our local governance would not miss a beat, which inevitably kept us all social distanced and safe. The internet truly became our common tool and helped bring us together in many ways. We had to pivot, which provided us well over a year of virtual public meetings that our residents could attend from the comfort of their home, work or even their parked car.

I remember some of those meetings in the Spring of 2020 and thinking, “even though we’re living through a bizarre and rough time, it’s great that we have so many residents who want to know what’s happening in the township and want to participate.” That adjustment to our governance and temporary stop-gap measure led to a new way for our citizens to view our meetings. As a result, Hanover Township is now streaming all of our public meetings online so that anyone, anywhere can “attend” a Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting. It is great that our township has been able to do this seamlessly and effectively.

If we’re being rational and honest, the average family, in many ways, is restricted by the one commodity that we never have enough of - time. Between work obligations, parenting responsibilities, doctor appointments, day-to-day responsibilities, and even hobbies, many citizens, even those who greatly care about our community and

want to have a voice in its progress, cannot prioritize every single local government and public meeting in person. This reality is especially true when their timing options on a Tuesday evening are: attend the BOS meeting, go grocery shopping, watch their child’s soccer game, or work late and then come home to cook dinner.

I am very glad and proud that our ability to stream public meetings online have now removed some of those barriers of time conflicts and opened up opportunities for our citizens to virtually view live BOS sessions from the comfort of their home (or wherever) so they can become informed on topics of public interest here in the township. Now more than ever our citizens have the opportunity to become informed on the various issues impacting our local community.

Whether we are discussing issues surrounding our Hanover Township Community Center, the challenges facing our community pool, or the township budget, our online public meetings and communication will help to improve local government transparency and knowledge amongst our citizenry. Overall, that’s a good thing.

Rapidly changing technology has transformed how we live, how are society operates and how we conduct business – and it’s not going away anytime soon. The rise of digital communication and community-making online has become central to the way so many individuals engage with one another. If we have learned anything from the COVID-19 crisis, it’s that we’re going to keep moving forward in the most proactive manner possible here in Hanover Township.

So, if you are working late on a Tuesday evening, and then need to get home to cook dinner, always remember that you can have our public meetings streaming on your device in the background.



Jeff Perlman during his 911 presentation.

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The UPS driver drops them off in Queens and finally Jeff talks to his wife and broke down. He then gets to LaGuardia Community College (where he and his wife originally met) and begins to walk down Queens Boulevard when a friendly couple gave him a ride a few miles. Exiting their car, he walks a few miles to his parent’s home in Jamaica Queens. After a rest, he takes a car service to his home in Holtsville, NY. Total distance from WTC to his home, 63 miles.

After Jeff’s remarks, the program continued outside where the Boy Scouts respectfully retired used and tattered American Flags. A trumpeter with the American Legion Honor Guard played TAPS followed by a rifle salute. As the flags began to burn, two Liberty Grenadiers Bagpipers played a melody of songs including Amazing Grace.



The Asa Packer community is excited to be back in school 5 days a week and return to some of the activities that we had to forego last school year! The delight of the students to see their teachers, friends and classmates made our first day truly exciting. We kicked the school year off by greeting the students and staff with a "Welcome Back Pumas" sign and an appearance from our school mascot Ace. We also had an Open House for our incoming Kindergarten and then for grades 1-5 we had our Back to School Night.

The first phase of our Outdoor Learning Space initiative is completed due to Monster Tree Service donating logs and very dedicated parents, that put over 150 hours of debarking, sanding, and staining of the logs. The second phase will be completed in early October by Christmas City Landscaping. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony once the finishing touches have been made. Thanks again to Monster Tree Service, Christmas City Landscaping, and all the dedicated Asa Packer parents for making this vision come to life! Students will also enjoy straw bales this fall, as another alternative, that will allow our children the opportunity to learn outside the traditional "classroom," while also interacting with nature.

October 8th, The Asa Packer PTA is excited to bring back our annual Walk-a-Thon. This is an event that all of the children look forward to and had to miss last year. It will be held slightly different this year to account for social distancing and other safety precautions, but it is a return to some normalcy for the students.

We are hoping the school district will return to Tier 2 and we can implement some of our new programs such as Puma Playdates, a Fall Festival and the opportunity to bring back assemblies and the beloved Patio Party. All of these activities will allow our community to come together in a setting outside of the classroom.

We are starting the year with a positive outlook and looking forward to all that the 2021-2022 school year will bring.

Hanover Elementary School News

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

The 2021-22 school year brings with it a calendar full of opportunities and events

for our students and families. On August 26th, we welcomed all incoming Kindergarten students and their families at Little Hawk Night. On August 30th, we welcomed 230 students on their first day of school. We welcomed our grades 1st thru 5th to an Open House on the evening of September 9th. Picture Day was September 21st. On September 24th we celebrated International Peace Day, a day to highlight diversity and inclusion. Our students will make pinwheels for peace.

Thank you to the staff, students, PTA, parents and community partners for your hard work and dedication. We will continue to strive to be high achieving, always leading, working together, kindhearted students.

Nitschmann School News

School is back in full swing at Nitschmann! Our students have returned to a traditional schedule following the summer and students are getting back into the routines of school every day. We appreciate our community support as parents return to the normal school routine, drivers keep an eye out for students on busses, and families take care of each other to keep everyone in school every day.

Our large offering of after-school activities, clubs, and fall sports have begun, with early season wins for our football and volleyball sports teams. Tryouts and practices have already begun for our 100th Anniversary musical, The Music Man, set to be performed in February, 2022. In addition, our marching band and color guard is hard at work at morning practices to prepare for our parade debut in October, including our starring role in the 100th Anniversary Bethlehem Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 31, 2021.



TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In September the Township staff presented the Board of Supervisors with the 2022 Township Budget. They Supervisors are also taking input from Township residents during workshop session. The first was held September 21st and the second is scheduled for October 19th.

The Township budget with the resulting tax rates should be adopted in late November or December of 2021.

Watch the Township website for additional information when it becomes available.

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Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a **liability** to you.

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

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

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

To register for an Email Alert from Hanover Township, visit www.hanovertwp-nc.org and use the **Email Sign Up** click through on the main page.



LEAF COLLECTION

Township Leaf Collection will begin in 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.



YARD WASTE BARRELS

Yard Waste Barrels are to be used for yard waste and not residential trash. Yard waste is collected **ONLY** by Township public works employees and not by our hauler. Using yard waste barrels for residential trash causes confusion.



Dear Hanover Residents,

Whether you are a longtime resident of Hanover Township or new to our community, we welcome you to visit the library and explore our many resources and programs. We have several locations plus bookmobile stops throughout the Township and a book-lending kiosk in the Community Center.

After a long period of COVID closures and limitations to services, we're happy to report that the Youth Services section of the Main Library is again open. As your family begins to prepare for a new school year, now may be the perfect time to get your child their own library card. Keep them practicing and interested in reading with our vast collection of beginning reader books, popular series and graphic novels. Storytimes and other educational events are being held again, as is tutoring for school-age children.

Visit our website for the full calendar of events, to access your account, search the catalog, borrow ebooks, stream movies, and more!

bapl.org

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