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# Hanoverview

## Chairman's Corner



by Supervisor  
Chairman John D. Nagle

Well, as I write this, summer has passed, schools have re-opened, and the weather is starting to cool. Come to think of it, this happens every year at this time.

The summer here in the Township was very busy and eventful. The biggest news is that our Township Manager, Jay Finnigan, has recanted on his decision to retire and will continue to be our Township Manager. He felt he would be doing the Township a disservice if he left with the all-important pool and water remediation projects undone. The Board, Township employees and many residents have expressed their joy at

his decision. When he made his announcement, the attendees at the meeting gave him a rousing round of applause!

We have had much other personnel news. On our Township staff, our long-time Secretary / Treasurer, Beth Ritter has elected to leave the Township after 9 excellent years and move out of Government Service and pursue opportunities in the private sector. The Manager's secretary, Amanda Redcay has left us after 7 years to also go into the private sector. Emily Morrison, an Office Support Associate, has also left us after 4 years to go into the private sector.

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## Thank You!

## Hanover Township Residents

by Supervisor Jeff Warren



Sometimes our life path takes us on endeavors we are not expecting. Opportunities arise. New roads open. This is certainly true for my family and me as we say goodbye to our neighborhood, friends and Hanover Township and begin a new chapter in our lives.

At the Board of Supervisor's public meeting in August, I announced that my family and I would be moving out of the township. Therefore, I would be resigning from my seat on the Board at the end of September. This is being done with a heavy heart.

Since moving to Hanover Township approximately eight years ago, my wife, twin daughters, and I have made so many long-lasting and incredible memories. I want to thank each and every individual

who touched our lives in some way, shape, or form. From the folks who stopped by the twins' lemonade stands in front of our home when they were younger, to the Asa Packer Elementary School community, to the voters of the township who instilled the confidence in me to represent them within their local government, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your embrace and passion for the community has been inspiring.

In a previous chapter of my life, and in another community, I was an elected official as well. I truly didn't think that I'd have the opportunity to serve my community again. However, the calling came. For that, I am grateful.

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER *continued*

Lastly, Jeff Warren, one of the members of the Board of Supervisors for the past two years is moving out of the Township and will be leaving us mid-October. Good luck to you Jeff!

On the plus side, Chris Thomas, who has extensive accounting and government experience, joined us mid-September. Nancy Wagner, Jay's retired secretary has been filling in as his secretary during the past month. She has been doing her usual superior job and we thank her profusely for filling in during our time of need. We have hired a permanent Manager's Secretary, Kim Schanewolf, who also started in mid-September.

As many of you know, John Byrne, has joined us, effective August 1, as our Recreation Director. It was a pleasure watching him dip ice cream at the recent National Night Out on his second day on the job. He will be an excellent addition to the Township Team.

Speaking of National Night Out, we had an outstanding attendance and featured a police patrol dog demonstration with the newest Colonial Regional PD police dog, Romeo and his handler, Officer Justin Shippang. The HTVFC gave a great demonstration on how a victim is rescued from a demolished van. Does anyone need a van that has been sawed in half? I think the Fire Company just might have one. This event was most capably organized by our Assistant Recreation Director, Allison Ritter. Good job by all parties involved in this great event!

Another great event that I participated in this summer, was the presentation of a Township Resolution honoring Mr. Kenneth Saff, a World War II Army Pilot, with the recognition of achieving his 100th Birthday. I met with Ken for some time and had a great talk with him about his long and eventful life. Ken had lived on Jacksonville Road next to the former one room schoolhouse since 1952. He now lives in Sterling Heights in the Township.

By now, you are wondering what is the news on the pool and the Stoke Park water remediation projects? Excellent question!

We had bid the water remediation project in July and only received one bid. Our initial estimate and budget for this project was \$1.2M and the only bid was for \$2.2M. Obviously, we have postponed this project. The reasons that were given to us by the various potential bidders is that they could not be confident of availability and costs of the various materials needed, the costs of labor, and the upcharges of fuel costs. The Board has elected to look at this again in January and determine the next steps.

As to the Pool, working with BKP Associates, our pool consultant, we had them re-run another guestimate so we would have some idea of what bids might look like. A formal request for bid was announced in August are awaiting those bids.\*

You are probably wondering how a member of the Board is replaced. After the Township has a formal resignation from Jeff Warren, an advertisement was placed and a township-wide email was sent requesting interested parties send a resume to the Township. From those resumes, prospective candidates will be selected by the existing members of the Board. Interviews will then be conducted probably during the middle or late October and a selection will be made. That person will be a member of the Board for the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023. The position will be filled in the General Election of November 2023 and the winning candidate will hold the position until December 31, 2025.

My thanks go out to the many Township employees and volunteers that contribute every day to make Hanover Township the wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Have a great Fall.

\*Note: Only one bid was received in the amount of \$6,745,325 which is currently under review by BKP and Township staff.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISOR OPENING

The Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania will be accepting applications and letters of interest for a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors created by the pending resignation of Township Supervisor Jeffrey Warren.

All Applicants should send their current resumé and letter of intent to serve as a Township Supervisor (in one

document) on the Board of Supervisors to the attention of Jay Finnigan, [jfinnigan@hanovertwp-nc.org](mailto:jfinnigan@hanovertwp-nc.org).

Applicants will need to have been a resident of Hanover Township, Northampton County continuously since October 14, 2021.

Applications will be accepted up until 5:00 PM on October 14, 2022.



## Miller-Keystone Blood hosted the Tunnel to Towers Foundation

*By Dana Grube, (Reprinted with permission of Bethlehem Press)*



Miller-Keystone Blood hosted the Tunnel to Towers Foundation on July 16 and 17 to remember 9-11 and conduct a "never forget" blood drive to collect 343 units of blood in honor of the 343 New York City firefighters who perished on 9-11.

The Foundation brought its 9-11 Never Forget mobile exhibit, which is driven throughout the nation by retired Plano, Texas firefighter Billy Puckett. It appears at events, fairs and festivals, and visits schools.

Tunnel to Towers was formed in 2013 in memory of New York City firefighter Stephen Siller who perished on 9-11 after responding to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Siller ran through the closed Battery Tunnel to the World Trade Center to help his fellow firefighters combat the fires and destruction of that day. The Foundation continues to support NYC firefighters and their families, as well as those who have served in the military. They have raised over \$250 million.

Retired NYC firefighters Robert Reeg and Edward Kennedy accompany the exhibit and relate their 9-11 experiences. "The outpouring of love and affection was amazing after 9-11," says Reeg, who suffered severe injuries when caught in the collapse of the South Tower. Kennedy drove their engine as they responded to the attack.

Officials from the Miller-Keystone Blood Center presented the Foundation with a check for \$1,500 during an opening ceremony on July 16. Hanover Township Manager Jay Finnigan, Jr. recognized the Foundation saying, "this is a tribute to what good can come out of evil."

Rami Nemeh, vice president and chief operating officer at Miller-Keystone noted the importance of the 9-11 blood drive telling those in attendance that Miller-Keystone serves 32 hospitals.



*New York City firefighters Robert Reeg and Edward Kennedy discuss 9-11 with residents touring the 9-11 "Never Forget" mobile exhibit sponsored by the Tunnel to Tower Foundation.*

Photograph by Dana Grube



*Hanover Township Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Nagle and Township Manager Jay Finnigan, Jr. joined Miller-Keystone Blood Center mascot Half-pint for a photo during the event.*

Photograph by Dana Grube

## SUPERVISOR ARTICLES

### Stormwater Upgrade Project Delayed

by Supervisor Susan Lawless



In our last newsletter, we reported that the Board of Supervisors had approved Hanover Engineering's plans and bid specifications to upgrade stormwater management systems in the neighborhoods in and around Lord Byron Drive and Chaucer Lane. A part of that planning process was to develop a predicted budget

to ensure that the Township could fund the project.

We also noted that it was not possible to predict what, if any, supply chain issues might be encountered regarding vital products such as pre-cast pipe and other conduit. The project was put out for bid. Only one bid was received for this project, which is generally not the case with a project of this size. That bid was significantly above the projected budget. The Township had previously put two road projects out to bid which also came back well in excess of the projected budget. Citing fiscal concerns, the Board voted unanimously to reject this bid as it had the other two bids for roadwork.

The Board remains committed to this project knowing that it will have a large, positive impact once completed. Accordingly, the Board and its professional staff will be monitoring signals from the construction and economic sectors for a more opportune time to go out to bid.

### Pre-School Offerings Return to Hanover Township Community Center

by Supervisor Susan Lawless

When the Community Center was closed due to the pandemic in 2020, the Pre-School programs offered at the Community Center closed as well. Understanding that it would take significant lead time to get this program back up and running, in Fall, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved funds in the 2022 budget to hire a Pre-School Director. The projected re-start was Fall 2022.

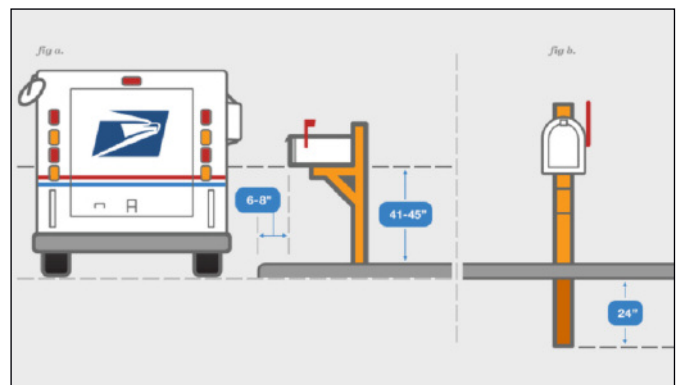
In March 2022, Lisa Outcalt was hired to take on that challenge. She has a BA with Honors in Early Years Education and is working towards a master's degree in education. She also has more than twelve years of early years education experience both in the UK and USA. Lisa is dedicated to her role and believes in a child-led approach to education, enabling children to learn through play and curiosity while being supported by nurturing early years educators. HTCC Preschool will offer a new, longer play based schedule, helping children and their families ensure they are ready and equipped with essential social and academic skills to be participate fully and successfully in school.

Using her prior experience and working with the HTCC staff, she began to build awareness that program would be available through summer camps and other outreach to families who utilized the Community Center and its facilities. The response was positive with full class schedules beginning in September 2022 for 3- and 5-year-old students. An overview of the curriculum as well as the general schedule can be found on the Township's website at: Hanover Township Preschool and Monthly Themes 2022/23 – Hanover Township Community Center (hanovercommunitycenter.com)

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

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- ❖ Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- ❖ If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.







# Hanover Township Community Center

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 Ali Ritter, Assistant Recreation Director – AssistantRecDirector@hanoverwp-cc.org  
 Lisa Outcalt, Preschool Director – PreschoolDirector@hanoverwp-cc.org  
 Community Center: 610.317.8701

## Mark Your Calendar:

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Junior Tennis Clinic | <b>Thursday<br/>Oct 13</b> |
| Trunk or Treat       | <b>Saturday<br/>Oct 15</b> |
| Bingo                | <b>Thursday<br/>Nov 6</b>  |
| Tree Lighting        | <b>Friday<br/>Dec 2</b>    |

## 2nd Annual HTCC Golf Tournament:

**Save the Date!**  
**Friday, May 12, 2023**  
**Whitetail Golf Club**  
**8:00 AM Registration**  
**9:00 AM Shotgun Start**



For more information or interest in sponsoring, please call 610-317-8701

## Current HTCC Fall Programming

**Daily Pickleball! Mon-Friday, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm - Beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate, and Advanced. Free for members, \$5 for non-members!**

**Pickleball Clinics - Return this fall! Learn the game of pickleball in a small, clinic setting. Clinics run on certain Tuesdays, through the remainder of 2022, so stop down to the front desk or call for info!**

**Open Gym/Pick-up Volleyball - Every Tuesday, 7pm-9pm. \$5/person, 2 courts available!**

**Martial Arts - Monday/Wednesdays. Youth (ages 6-14) 6 pm-7:15 pm. Adult (Ages 14+) 7:30 pm-9 pm**

**Piano Lessons are back! Stop in or call for more information. Intro to Piano (Ages 6-9), Level 1 piano (Ages 10-13), and NEW this fall, adult beginner lessons!**

**Junior Tennis Clinic (Ages 6-12): Thursdays, 10/13-11/17. 6 pm-7 pm. Come learn from the best, Coach Mike Stasak!**

**Looking for a fun program for your young ones? Visit [amazingathletes.com](http://amazingathletes.com) and get your kids registered for the Amazing Athletes sessions that happen here at HTCC!**

**Fitness Classes: We offer a wide variety of fitness classes including: Silver Sneakers, yogas, spin class, Zumba, Zumba Gold, H.I.I.T., and SHiNE Dance Fitness among others!**

**COMING SOON: POUND Fitness! You become the music, you are the drummer! A full-body workout combining cardio, conditioning, and strength training with yoga and pilates inspired movements!**

**Minds in Motion, a STEM based program, will be returning mid-late Fall! Some of the past programs have included robot making and chemical reactions!**



John Byrne

## Greetings from our New Recreation Director

We are happy to announce the latest hiring of John Byrne, our new Recreation Director! John comes from a wellness, fitness, and recreation background with over 10 years' experience. His recent experience includes roles at Nationwide Insurance and Sanofi Pasteur, where he organized special events and internal programming.

After working in England (where his son was born), he spent some time outside the corporate world, working as a Recreation Director for a private lake community in the Poconos. From managing fitness centers, coordinating sports tournaments, to overseeing a variety of activities.... he is eager to start a new chapter with Hanover Township.

When John isn't working, he likes to spend time running, hiking, travelling, playing a variety of sports, and watching his family grow up. He looks forward to sharing his passion, expertise, and knowledge with our community and can't wait for the upcoming events!

Please make sure to stop into the Community Center and visit John!



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## Special Events Committee

Our Special Events Committee met with John in mid-August. Many events will continue from previous years and some new entertainment is coming in the near future. Our Fall Festival kicks off October 1st from 2 pm-5 pm. During this event we will have a wide array of entertainment for all ages. This includes: Music, hayrides, facepainting, pumpkins, wood carving and more!

You're invited to save the date for Hanover Township's Tree Lighting Celebration! Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 2nd. Santa will be present!

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## **HTCC Updates!**

### **Pound Class in the Fall**

HTCC is excited to announce a brand-new class with a new instructor! It's called "Pound", and mixes cardiovascular strength training with Pilates using weighted drumsticks. It's moderately intense full-body exercise routine that can be modified or advanced. This workout is geared towards all ages and athletic abilities.

Participants use the sticks to the rhythm of the beat and follow the instructor's choreography. Come give it a go and feel great after the fitness sequence is done! Stay tuned on dates and times coming soon!

### **Disc Golf Course on HTCC Campus!**

Ever heard of "Frolf" (frisbee golf) or Disc Golf? Well, you can learn and play right here on Hanover Township's property. All you need are a couple of plastic discs, which you can borrow from the Community Center, and an interest to play. Disc Golf's popularity is rising, and more courses are available now than ever, including here in Hanover Township.

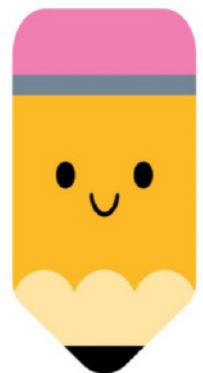
Like traditional golf play, participants throw a flying disc into a raised basket in as few throws as possible. This is a great activity that you can organize with friends and/or family. The 9-basket course now has 18 tee-off pads where you can play 18 holes. Our course is very forgiving and open with few trees. It is a great beginner course and available to the public. This is an inexpensive sport that is fun for everyone! For more information, please stop by the Community Center and ask our front desk staff.

## **Preschool Returns!**

September saw the re-opening of the community center preschool. There are two classes of children ages three to five, with five wonderful teachers.

Preschool are looking forward to coming events such as Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving celebration, and Breakfast with Santa!

Our Preschool Director would like to thank everyone, who participated in summer camp and the current preschool sessions. We are very thankful for the support from our community, and anticipate our coming years to be fantastic!







## NOW HIRING!

HTCC is hiring for ALL positions including front desk staff (all shifts), fitness instructors, and sports instructors! Please stop into the Community Center, call, or email

**[recdirector@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:recdirector@hanovertwp-cc.org)**

*Fall help and year-round help are needed!*

**Applications are always accepted!!**



## OASIS COMMUNITY CENTER

On Saturday, September 17th the OASIS hosted Family Recovery Day, a special event in recognition of National Recovery Day. The Oasis Community Center is the only program in the Commonwealth exclusively devoted to helping families from the impact of substance abuse.

The days keynote speaker was Rebecca West Hensinger, Mrs. Pennsylvania, who shared her inspiring journey of family recovery.

The Oasis' mantra is BREAK THE SILENCE \* END THE STIGMA \* NEVER FORGET

Visit their website for more information or stop by to see the wealth of information they have available to help families.



Oasis Community Center, 3410 Bath Pike, Oasis Community Center ([oasisbethlehem.org](http://oasisbethlehem.org))



Jay Finnigan, Township Manager delivers opening remarks at the Oasis Community Center on September 17th. (L to R: Supervisor Vice Chair Mike Prendeville, Rhonda Miller, Executive Director - Oasis Community Center, Township Manager Jay Finnigan and Supervisor Susan Lawless.



## THE HEROES AMONG US

by John D. Nagle

This edition of the Hanoverview got me to thinking that soon it will be Veteran's Day. About 6 weeks ago, I had the opportunity to meet a most extraordinary man celebrating his 100th birthday. He was born June 6, 1922, in the town of Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania and he has lived in the Township since 1951.

The fact that he turned 100 and has lived in the township for 71 years is not what makes him remarkable. This man honorably served his country as a First Lieutenant bomber pilot during the most devastating war in human history, served his countrymen as a Postal Employee, and has further served his country as a Chief Warrant Officer in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

His name is Ken Saff. To meet him, you would never know the things that he has done for us. He is a very modest and unassuming man. He is but one of 16,000,000 men who served in our Armed Forces during World War II. Sadly, at last report, only 197,000 of these are still alive.

Ken graduated from Kane High School way back in 1940. After graduation, his older brother persuaded him to come to Lock Haven, PA to work as a welder in the Piper Aircraft factory located there. While there, he took flying lessons for the price of \$1.25 per hour of flying time. He was inspired to become a pilot when watching biplane barnstormers in his formative years while living on the farm.

He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and went to pilot training school in North Carolina. He noted that he celebrated his 22nd birthday, the same day as D-Day. While in training he qualified as a pilot on the B-25 medium bomber and the A-20 light bomber. The latter he would fly in combat in New Guinea and the Philippines in 1944 and 1945.

During our talk, he described the intricacies of flying the A-20. He shared that it could be used as a reconnaissance plane, a night fighter using radar to find Japanese planes and in Ken's case, as a light, low-level bomber. Ken was the pilot of the plane and only had one other crewman, a rear gunner. He flew a total of 64 missions. Surprisingly, he only ever saw the target he was bombing 3 or 4 times as the flight leader determined when and where to drop the bombs. As he stated, when the leader dropped them, you did too.

We discussed many events of his life, and he shared that the worst moment of his life when his good friend and tent



mate, Wickliff Waltmire from California was killed in a low-level mission in the Philippines, flying about 100 feet off the ground by enemy anti-aircraft fire. Ken admitted to being totally despondent and walked around in a virtual coma for several days while trying to get over the trauma of losing his friend. He further stated that you had to force yourself to get over it as quick as possible because there was always another mission and to survive you had to be on top of your game! It constantly amazes me what a human being can endure and overcome. Courage and will is what takes an ordinary man and makes him extraordinary!

When the war ended in September 1945, Ken was in the States and was recommended to be a test pilot for the new aircraft technology – jets. However, he chose to go home and ended his flying career, or so he thought. More on that later.

He elected to advantage of the GI Bill, a government program to send returning veterans to college and trade schools. As Ken had grown up on a farm, he decided it made sense for him to go to Penn State to study agriculture.

When I asked him how he wound up in Hanover, he told me a great story that included a woman. While at Penn State, he had a buddy, who lived in Hellertown, who invited Ken to come along and visit his family and girlfriend. As it turned out, the buddy's girlfriend set up Ken with a blind date with a girlfriend named Jean Springer. Any guess what comes next in this story? Yes, there was serious mutual interest, so when the buddy's girlfriend came up to visit at PSU a few months later, she brought Jean along! Ken was so excited that he proposed, and they subsequently got married in October 1950.

Jean's parents lived on a 5-acre farm on Jacksonville Road, two doors up from the one room schoolhouse. The farmhouse is still standing. Jean and Ken moved in with his in-laws while their house was being built next door between the farmhouse and the schoolhouse.

Ken's career after 1950 consisted of working for the former Lehigh Valley Dairy at their breeding farm. He also worked for the US Post Office at nights from 1966-1984. If that didn't keep him busy enough, he joined the

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## Heroes Among Us *continued from page 9*

Pennsylvania National Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer flying helicopters from 1966-1984.

Ken and Jean, a nurse, had three children, Karen and her husband, current township residents with 2 children and 3 grandchildren, Becky, and her husband in Hawaii with 4 children and 4 grandchildren, and Ken Junior and his wife in Aston, PA with 2 children.

In retirement, Ken and Jean spent much of their time traveling throughout much of the United States, attending his military reunions and spending time with family. Sadly, after 63 of marriage, Jean passed in June 2014, a day after Ken's 92nd birthday.

Since I had never met anyone who had achieved the century mark, I wanted to get some insights from Ken on some of his views in such a long life. He did not disappoint. When asked about the best part of life, he gave me quite a philosophical answer. He believes that life from birth to death is a life cycle and life itself is a gift. In that life cycle, we are given a beautiful life of love for someone. Everyone is given a little helpless blob of living material that lived because of the love of a mother. Each family has the gift of love that keeps things going.

When I asked him what he would do different if he had the chance. He replied that at the end of the War, he had the world by the tail, and he could have done anything he wanted. He explained that he really wouldn't do anything different and that life itself had taken pretty good care of him. "Life is like riding the rapids, you just do what you have to do."

Today, Ken lives in a Hanover retirement home, spending his time playing cards, doing his daily exercises to recover from a stroke he had a while ago, and keeps up on his diet. He loves to talk about his life adventures and often lets the lady card players beat him at cards, so they keep playing with him.

Ken, it has been my pleasure meeting with you and hearing you reminisce. I hope you are here for many more years to share them with others.



## EMS CORNER

*by Karen Peters, EMS Director*

### EMS Call Statistics YTD

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Medical Emergencies     | 1,462        |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 102          |
| Fire Support            | 84           |
| <b>Total calls</b>      | <b>1,648</b> |



## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get extremely hectic. The calm, lazy days of summer are behind us.

### MORNING CHAOS:

Children overslept, trying to get them dressed and fed before they head out the door. Mom and Dad's having to get to work.

### AFTER SCHOOL CHAOS:

Pick up the children from school, do homework, try to cram in dinner, rush out the door to whichever sport or extracurricular activity the children are enrolled in.

Everyone is rushing around and in a hurry. We need to all slow down and take a deep breath to help keep everyone safe and healthy throughout the school year. Here are some key tips.

1. Put your phones down when driving and walking. You need to have your full attention on the roadways.
2. Slow down when driving it is better to be late than cause an accident where you could hurt yourself, your children, and others.
3. Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure.
4. Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
5. Teach your children to make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street.
6. Use extreme caution when approaching bus stops. Parents are dropping children off and children are walking from multiple directions to get to bus stop.
7. Teach your children to stand 6 feet away from the curb when waiting for the bus to arrive.
8. You must stop at a minimum of 10 feet away from school buses when the red lights are flashing and stop arm is extended.
9. Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.
10. REMEMBER as the day light shortens the children will be walking in the dark and standing at the bus stop in the dark. Use caution.



## WELCOME CRPD OFFICER SCOTT BRENEMAN

*by John N. Diacogiannis, Supervisor & Chairman Colonial Regional Police Commission*

Please join me in welcoming Colonial Regional Police Officer Scott Breneman to our community. Scott joined the force last December and immediately entered the Allentown Police Academy. After graduating from the Academy's 20 week Act 120 certification program, Scott was sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Vivian Zumas on June 13th. Scott lives in Plainfield Township with his wife Kristine, two children, Andrew and Aubrey, and younger sister Erin. In addition, they have 2 dogs, 1 cat, 2 pigs, 10 chickens and 2 ducks. "My son wants to own a zoo, so he started one here at home."



Scott was small town boy from Limestone, Maine. Don't know where that is? As Scott puts it, "it's pretty much a small map dot in the middle of nowhere. If it wasn't trees you were looking at, it was farm fields." In 2005 Scott graduated from Limestone High School with only 21 people in his class. He lived a few miles from the Canadian border and 4 miles from the former Loring Air Force Base. So it was not exactly the middle of nowhere. Actually, it was in a very strategic location during the Cold War. Limestone is in the far Northeastern corner of the United States, being the closest the continental US is to Europe. Loring Air Force Base was an important Strategic Air Command (SAC) strategic bomber base. Life in this small remote town played a role in influencing young Scott. He grew up hunting, fishing, and farming, and of course with all that snow, snowmobiling. "If it was outdoors based, we were doing it! It's a small community where everyone knows everyone."

After high school graduation, he immediately joined the United States Marine Corps and served from 2005 to 2013. He then made a giant leap from a tiny rural town to New York. There he worked full time and took college courses with the University of Phoenix. He earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration.

Asked why he chose a path leading to law enforcement he told me that after serving in the Marine Corps, he wanted to continue helping and serving his country and community and figured being a Police Officer would be the best way to do that. He has also been influenced when a close relative overdosed on heroin saying, "I have personally seen the effects drugs have on friends and family and how they impact people's lives, I want to help get as many drugs off the streets as possible."

He added "After returning from Iraq, I met my wife Kristine, and we have two children, Andrew and Aubrey. I moved to Pennsylvania in 2017 and was working for UPS as a mechanic when I took the test for Colonial Regional Police. I was granted the opportunity and enrolled into the Allentown Police Academy. I was asked the same question multiple times, why would you want to be a cop today? My answer was always the same to everyone, you can either sit back and complain which changes nothing, or you can step up and make the changes yourself. Policing is said to be changing both good and bad depending on who you speak to. In my opinion I don't think it's changing as much as the public's opinion is changing. Police have always been community orientated, but unfortunately there has been more attention on the negative incidents then the positive incidents. Everyone makes mistakes and wants to use it when they are being questioned, but they suddenly forget that police are humans too when they make mistakes. I personally think that there needs to be more understanding on both sides. Everyone makes mistakes in life and that's ok, but with mistakes comes responsibility."

I think that we can count on Officer Breneman to serve our community very well. I look forward to seeing that zoo someday.

### MISSED RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING

Over the last year Republic has made great progress ensuring that your Residential Waste & Recycling is collected on the appropriate day. During the summer there were occasional misses, and we communicated those instances to Republic as soon as we were notified, and they rectified the miss promptly.

If your collection was missed, please feel free to contact Republic directly 484.273.3904, but also contact the Township by calling 610.866.1140 the morning after you're missed. Waiting two or three days complicates the matter particularly when the miss is on Thursday. Republic does not usually have staff available on Saturday to collect misses.





## PUBLIC SAFETY

### CRPD News

The Colonial Regional Police Department is proud to introduce its newest K9 team. K9 "Romeo" is a 20 month old Belgian Malinois. Romeo came from the Netherlands and had prior training in the Dutch Dog Sport of KNPV.

His handler is Officer Justin Schippang. The pair attended the Progressive K9 Academy and completed eight weeks of training before certifying with the National Police Canine Association (NPCA). Romeo is a dual purpose patrol dog, certified in Patrol 1 which includes basic obedience, building and area searches, and criminal apprehension. He is also certified in the detection of controlled substances and is trained in the odors of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and MDMA.

We want to welcome the team as they begin serving and protecting the residents of Lower Nazareth and Hanover Townships.



### Fire Escape Plan



Do you have a fire escape plan? Have you practiced it? Do you know what to do in case of fire in your home? You should have an escape plan and it should be practiced a couple times a year. Below are some facts and tips to help you create one.

#### Tips to create a plan

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the house where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with EVERYONE in your home, twice a year.
- Practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

### FACTS

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- While 71% of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.
- One-third of American households who made an estimate, thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

#### If the alarm sounds...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT! Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out.
- Call 911 from outside your home.

## What happens when you do not apply for a Zoning and Building Permit?

*by Yvonne Kutz, Zoning Officer*

### FIRST, DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Most often the answer is Yes, you do need either a Zoning or Building Permit; in some cases, both are needed .

Constructing or installing any structure on the land such as a new building, addition, driveway, walkway, fence, shed, deck, patio, all other accessory type structures; or when making a structural change, alterations, renovations to the interior or exterior of a structure, and when there is a change of use always requires a Permit in Hanover Township. **Zoning and Building Permits apply to all residential and non-residential properties.**



### NOT OBTAINING A ZONING AND BUILDING PERMIT:

- Your entire job runs the risk of being shut down.
- You may receive a citation with imposed fines and penalties. Fines and penalties can be assessed each day the violation occurs.
- The constructed project may need to be demolished in its entirety.
- You will be required to apply and pay for all permits and inspections fees.
- Depending on the project there may be several required inspections throughout the project to ensure code compliance.
- The work completed could compromise the safety of your home and may result in hiring a professional engineer to certify the work has been properly constructed or you may need to tear down and rebuild all or part of the project.
- You may need to seek zoning relief by the Township Zoning Hearing Board if your work does not conform to the zoning ordinances and regulations.
- Unpermitted construction could void your Homeowner's/Property Insurance. The insurance company may not cover losses or injuries sustained on the property because work was not completed and inspected under a required permit.
- Does your contractor have proper licensing and carry insurance? The Township and the State of Pennsylvania requires Contractors to provide a copy of their Certificate of Insurance showing they carry Liability and Workman's Compensation; if they are exempt from Workman's Compensation contractors must provide a notarized Affidavit declaring the exemption. Home Improvement Contractors are required to provide a copy of the HIC License issued by the Pennsylvania State Attorney General's Office.
- Change of Use applications are required to be submitted for Zoning Approval before any building permits or moving in permits are issued.
- A resale certificate is required to transfer title of a property in Hanover Township. The property file is reviewed, and an inspection is conducted. Make sure all improvement completed on the property has been permitted under a valid permit and inspected.
- Ultimately you may have a difficult time selling your home. Home improvements may increase the value of your home, however **not applying for a required permit and obtaining the necessary inspections may hold up the final sale and transfer of the property until you apply for a permit and have the work inspected or Variances are sought. Understand variances can be either granted or denied, all or in part.**

[If You're Not Sure If You Need A Permit; Call The Township Office Before Starting The Work Regardless Of What A Neighbor Or Contractor Tells You.](#)

[Display Your Approved And Legally Executed Permit In A Window, Visible From The Road. Work Must Be Completed As Per The Approved Drawings/Plot Plan. Any Changes Must Be Resubmitted To The Township For Approval.](#)

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### It Has Been My Absolute Honor to Represent You

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



In February, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC) voted on and adopted the Final Reapportionment Plan for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Senate. The Constitution of Pennsylvania requires that the legislative districts for the House of Representatives and the State Senate be redrawn each decade following the Census. This process is mandated by the Pennsylvania Constitution so that each citizen's vote ultimately carries the same weight at the ballot box.

Article 2, Section 17 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for the LRC to redistrict both chambers (the state Senate and the state House) in the year following the Federal decennial census. The Commission consists of five members: the four caucus floor leaders, or deputies appointed by each of them, and a chairman to be selected by those members or if they cannot reach an agreement, by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

As approved the new map for the 40th Senate District will no longer include Hanover Township. This decision was not mine as the new district maps are voted on solely by the five-member LRC. Under the approved plan, Hanover Township will fall in the 14th Senate District and split partially in the 137th House District (District 5), and partially in the 135th House District (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6). The 14th Senate District is currently represented by Senator John Yudichak. The 137th House District is currently represented by State Representative Joe Emrick. The 135th House District is currently represented by State Representative Steve Samuelson. All three seats will be on the ballot this year.

So, what does this all mean in the end?

Regrettably, it means that after the November election I will no longer be your State Senator. It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to represent the residents of Hanover Township in the Senate for these past two terms. I have enjoyed getting to know the people, township supervisors, and the area.

However, rest assured that until the end of November, I and my staff will remain here to serve you in any way we can. My Pen Argyl district office will remain open, and we will continue to offer the same high-quality legislative serv-

### Providing Relief: Property Tax and Rent Rebate Sees a One-Time Boost

by Ann Flood, 138th Legislative District



Eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities will see enhanced rebates through this year's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program thanks to a one-time bonus of additional funds in the 2022-23 Pennsylvania state budget.

The program benefits Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 annually for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

With the one-time boost in funding, the maximum standard rebate is \$1,105 for both homeowners and renters, up from the usual \$650. People who already received their checks this year will not need to take any further action; the Department of Revenue will automatically send a check for the additional funds.

For those who have not yet applied, the deadline to do so for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2021 has been extended to Dec. 31.

Applicants who wish to file may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) by contacting my office in Wind Gap at 610-746-2100. You do not need to pay anyone to assist you with this process; my office will provide free assistance with filing the forms.

More information is available at: [www.revenue.pa.gov/ptr](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/ptr).



Senator Scavillo *continued*

ice that we always have. If you have an issue, would like to give me feedback, or offer an opinion, please do not hesitate to reach out. My office's contact information is at the end of this article.

If you have questions about legislation or any other state-related issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-863-1200 or [mscavello@pasen.gov](mailto:mscavello@pasen.gov). My office remains in Pen Argyl Borough at 2 N. Robinson Ave, Pen Argyl PA 18072, right on the corner of N. Robinson and State Route 0512. We remain here to fight for and to serve the good people of Hanover Township. Please let me know if we can assist you in any way!



## WELCOME

**CHRISTINA THOMAS***Secretary / Assistant Treasurer*

Christina Thomas was hired September 12, 2022, as the Secretary/Assistant Treasurer. She worked for the Borough of Nazareth immediately prior to joining Hanover Township. She also previously worked for Concannon, Miller & Co. in Bethlehem.

Christina was born and raised in Moore Township. Christina resides in Moore Township with her son, Derek. Her family has a farm in Moore Township, Graver Farmstead, raising grassfed beef where she and her son work.

Christina enjoys being outside – walking, gardening, landscaping, and trying new recipes. She is always looking for an adventure and enjoys outside markets searching for antique farm items.

Christina is excited about her new adventure at Hanover Township.

Welcome to Hanover Township Christina.

*Christinia Thomas**Alison Ritter***ALISON RITTER***Assistant Recreation Director*

Alison Ritter joined the HTCC staff in February of 2022. Alison was born in Bethlehem, PA and grew up not far from the area in Belvidere, NJ. Prior to coming to Hanover Township, she had lived and worked in Northeast PA, most recently finishing her duties as head softball coach at Keystone College.

Alison is a graduate of Salisbury University (MD) with a BS in Health and Physical Education and played on the university's softball team. For the last decade, Alison worked in college athletics as an assistant coach, head coach, academic coordinator, and administrator. She has experience with facility and program scheduling, budgets, recruiting, fundraising, and community outreach among other things.

Ali, as she is known to her coworkers and the community center members, enjoys hiking, golfing, and going to concerts, with her favorite concert she attended being Fleetwood Mac. She is extremely passionate about organ donation and blood donation as five years ago she donated her kidney to a friend from college. Ali hopes to continue to spread the word about the importance of living donation and encourages anyone who may need guidance or be interested in learning more to reach out to her to talk. She also enjoys exploring new restaurants through-

out the Lehigh Valley and highly recommends grabbing a coffee at Bitty & Beau's or grabbing sushi at The Other Fish, both in Bethlehem.

When asked her favorite part of working at Hanover Township so far, Ali said, "the Community Center members have been exceptionally welcoming and they make it fun to come to work every day. Some just want a hello, others want to chat about their life. It's nice to meet and care about such a wide range of age groups. It has been a joy to know we can be part of their daily routine."

Welcome to Hanover Township Ali, and good luck!

**LISA OUTCALT***Preschool Director*

Lisa Outcalt joined the Hanover Community Center team in April of 2022 as our Preschool Director. Her role at the time was to re-open our wonderful and successful preschool program for our community.

Lisa moved to the United States in 2013 from the United Kingdom (UK) and decided to continue early years teaching. She lives in Hanover Township with her husband and six-year-old daughter and dog and enjoy attending community events and supporting small local businesses.

Lisa earned a BA Hons in Early Years Education at the University of Sunderland, UK, and has twelve years of experience from the UK and US combined. Lisa enjoys teaching using a play-based method, which encourages children to investigate their curiosities through organized activities and the support of the teacher. As preschool director, Lisa is using her experiences to create a truly wonderful program to equip children for success and lifelong learning.

Looking toward the future, Lisa is looking forward to serving her community, and preschool families and delivering a quality preschool program.

*Lisa Outcalt**Kimberly Schanewolf***KIMBERLY SCHANEWOLF***Township Managers Secretary*

Kimberly Schanewolf was appointed Township Manager Secretary on September 12, 2022. Born in Easton, PA, she is currently residing in Northampton with her 3 year old son who keeps her very active, and her fiance, soon to be husband.

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## Welcome *continued from page 15*

Kimberly studied at Northampton Community College majoring in general studies. Through various opportunities she has gained the experience and knowledge that comes within an administrative/secretary position and looks forward to expanding her career and sharing her capabilities with the township. She has proven to be driven and effective in regards to office duties utilizing her acquired communication and organization skills.

She lists her hobbies as hiking, enjoying the outdoors, going to concerts, spending time with her family, working out at the gym, and traveling.

Kimberly has a great respect for people looking to better themselves and is always there to help those in need.

Within the first year Kimberly looks forward to setting new goals and striving to be a positive impact for the team.



## Thank You *continued from page 1*

I'm extremely proud to have been a strong, vocal advocate over the years for keeping our Hanover Township preschool program not only operational in the future, but also expanding it for our youth and families. Providing further opportunities for our children and their families is a great investment in our community overall.

Our full-time Preschool Director has successfully brought our preschool program back to life for young children and families with the goal to not only provide what was in place before the pandemic started, but to also begin anew and build strong early childhood preschool programming for the future. Why is this important? Because community involvement sends a powerful message to children. It's one that says you matter. You belong.

The rebuilding of our community pool is also an initiative that I'm glad the township has taken seriously. While various economic conditions have caused delays in breaking ground, it's exciting to know that our residents will have a community pool in the future for children and families to enjoy during the warmer months.

There are so many other initiatives that I could mention as I depart, that continue to make Hanover Township a wonderful place to live. At the end of the day, I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve. Public service has always been an important aspect of my life, and I hope folks within our Hanover Township community will become even more involved in the future. If you have ideas and thoughts that can benefit the township, let your voice be heard at meetings or as a member of our boards and commissions. All of our collective voices are important. Always keep that in mind.

Again, I thank you – the residents of Hanover Township – for allowing me to serve on the Board of Supervisors. It has been an honor that I will cherish forever.

## FIRE COMPANY NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE / SANTA'S ARRIVAL



Saturday, December 10th SANTA will be making his annual visit to Hanover Township. Santa gives good boys and girls and apple and candy cane. Santa rides on the firetruck visiting all the children young and old. He starts his rounds at 9 am and continues until he visits every neighborhood. Please share locations on the Township residents forum to help residents know where Santa is throughout the day.

Have your Mom and Dad mark it on your calendars. Santa always welcomes your gracious donations to help the Fire Company.

### FUND DRIVE DONATIONS

Thank you for your gracious donations to our Annual Fund Drive. We rely on your donations to help the ever-rising cost of our 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 p.m.

Visit our website: [www.htvfc.org](http://www.htvfc.org)

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## SCHOOL NEWS



And in a blink of an eye summer recess was over & school was back in session. 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.

September 30th, The Asa Packer PTA will host our annual Walk-a-Thon with thanks to the planners, volunteers & dedicated sponsors. This is an event that all the children look forward to. The excitement & enthusiasm of students as they total the number of wristbands earned for each lap completed adds fun to this classic fundraiser.

Due to the success of last year's PTA Puma party, the initiative will return in October. It was so heartwarming to see parents, students & siblings all connect & create new memories in a safe and fun outdoor event. Fall themed games & art station were some of the entertainment activities during the event.

After a 3-year absence the book fair will return as an in-person event. Students and staff will have the opportunity to physically browse books, arts & crafts before purchasing. It will be great to hear the happy chatter of students as they shop for their favorite books.

You know Fall season is upon us as the straw bales will return to the front of the school as an extra outdoor classroom for kids to learn before the cooler months move in.

The Fall Harvest school party will add a fun break to the students' hard working daily routines. Students will dress in their finest & scariest Halloween gear to participate in the traditional Halloween parade around the school area. They will be supported by the many family & friends cheering on the sidelines as the students pass by.

Two newly added fundraisers were a success thanks to our Asa Packer families and the local businesses participating. They were at Oasis Mini Golf and Rita's (Stefko Blvd) Dine & Donate.

### HANOVER ELEMENTARY

Welcome back to everyone!!!! Hanover Elementary teachers, students, and families couldn't wait to start off the 2022-2023 school year! It was wonderful seeing all of our students back in the building on Monday, August 29th with smiling faces! The month of September is a busy one with many school-wide activities and functions. We started off by welcoming the Kindergarten students to Little Hawk Night on August 25th, followed by Open House for parents to meet their children's teachers on September 8th. On September 20th, Picture Day had us grinning from ear to ear. Our first school-wide student event was held on September 23 in honor of International Day of Peace.

At Hanover, we celebrate through our Pinwheels for Peace event, in which students create and display pin-

wheels on our school's front lawn. The mass of pinwheels is a symbol of hope, peace, diversity and inclusion for all, in our community and beyond. Students continued to take advantage of the beautiful summer weather with our brand new Outdoor Classroom. Thanks to our fabulous PTA, Hanover's annual Hawk Walk was held to raise money for our school's field trips and assemblies.

In October, the Bethlehem Area School District will hold Education Week. Students and teachers were able to share a day in the classroom with parents, guardians and special persons. At the end of October, we are looking forward to the Harvest Day celebrations to welcome Autumn. Thank you to all of our parents, teachers, PTA, and the Hanover community for all you do to make positive things happen at Hanover Elementary!!



## A MESSAGE FROM PPL: PLEASE DON'T POST ON OUR POLES

Thinking about promoting your yard sale, band concert, or campaign for township supervisor, state representative, state senator, congressman or your yard sale, by posting signs on utility poles?

Please don't.

Posting signs or posters on utility poles is unsafe and, in many cases, illegal. Our line workers can be injured if their climbing hooks strike a nail, tack or staple that has been hammered into a pole. The fasteners also could tear the rubber equipment our workers wear to protect against electrical shock.

Section 6905 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code makes it a summary offense to drive a nail or tack into a utility pole. (Don't believe us? You can [read it below](#).)

Even if the posters are affixed with tape or string, they can still cause problems. The signs can hide identifying markers on poles, slowing our efforts to locate the source of trouble in the event of a power outage.

In addition, many communities have laws prohibiting the posting of signs or posters on poles by any means. (Some communities are cracking down on these postings, as seen in this [WBRE/WYOU news story](#) from November 2017.)

We know our poles appear to be a high-visibility place to post messages. But when you do that, you're putting our workers at risk, and most likely breaking the law. So, again, please don't.

Our line workers thank you.

For outages or power problems, please visit [www.pplelectric.com](http://www.pplelectric.com) or call 1-800-342-5775. In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

### PA Crimes Code

§ 6905. Nails and other hard substances attached to utility poles.

- (a) **Offense defined.** — A person is guilty of a summary offense if he drives a nail or tack or attaches any metal or hard substance to or into any pole of any public utility pole line.
- (b) **Exceptions.** — Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:
  - (1) the public utility or its licensee using the poles from affixing its metal or other markers or from otherwise using the poles in its public service; or
  - (2) the erecting traffic signs and other signs similar thereto by a municipality when authorized by statute or by the owner of such poles.



## FALL 2022 • by County Executive Lammont McClure

One of the most frequent complaints I hear from county residents is the proliferation of warehouses. While everyone likes positive economic activity and increased revenue, warehouse expansion comes with heavy costs. Residents are right to be concerned about the loss of farmland, the escalation in truck traffic and an increase in air pollution believed to be fueling the explosion in cases of childhood asthma.

This building boom is a result of America's changing shopping habits, the Lehigh Valley's access to interstate highways and our proximity to major metropolitan areas. The County has limited influence over warehouses as zoning is controlled on the municipal level. However, we are

taking action on several fronts. Our first approach is to preserve as much farmland and open space as we can. Recently, we added a new 42 acre park in Allen Township - the Bodnarczuk Preserve. Since 2006, the County has preserved an additional 300 acres of parkland and 17,704 acres of farmland, but that alone won't address the underlying problem. We need to keep warehouses confined to industrial areas and out of our valuable green spaces.

Working with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC), Northampton County has invested \$250K in planning tools. **These tools can be used by municipal planning departments to sequester warehouses to appropriate areas that have the infrastructure needed to handle the truck traffic.** We're also working with LVPC on a freight study with a number of model ordinances municipalities can use to draft their own regulations. Those model ordinances will become available soon.

## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

### STORM DRAINS:

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

### PROPERTY OWNERS

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

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

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

**Proper clearance for pedestrians walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you. We recommend a 7' clearance above sidewalks and 14' above streets.**

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

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

Dumping grass clippings or ANY debris on empty lots is against the Township Ordinance 71-5. Violators can be fined up to \$1,000.00.

### WATER & SEWER

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

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

### STREET LIGHTS

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

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



### LEAF COLLECTION

Township Leaf Collection will begin in early 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 pick-up, 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.hanovertpw-nc.org](http://www.hanovertpw-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.



**FALL LEAVES...LOCAL FLOODING.**  
*What's the connection?*

Leaves raked into streets clog storm drains and cause local flooding! **Keep streets and storm drains clear of leaves and debris to prevent flooding.**





## BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Learning Starts Here*



### *"Wow, I didn't know my library has that!"*

In addition to access to every book in the world (more or less), your library has all sorts of fun, surprising, and useful tools, all for FREE. Here are the top ten things that BAPL offers that surprise and delight our patrons. (And if we don't have the book you're looking for, our Interlibrary Loan Department will scour the country to try to find it in another library and have it shipped.)

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1. **Museum Passes** - You can check out a pass to the National Museum of Industrial History that admits two adults and four children. Passes are available at the Southside Branch.
  2. **Video Games** - Looking to try out some games for the Switch, Xbox, or even Playstation 4? Borrow up to three video games between Main & South Side--we have games across different console generations available for borrowing.
  3. **Homework Helpers** - Homework help is available during the school year, with area college students available to help kids and take the stress off parents.
  4. **Internet Hotspots** - Library mobile hotspots allow card holders to access unlimited, high-speed internet service anywhere a cell signal can be received. These units can offer up to 4G LTE service and are perfect for travel, schoolwork, job hunting, and more.
  5. **A Recording Studio** - Record your album, podcast, or just jam in Studio 11 at the Main Library.
  6. **Bikes to Borrow** - Hop on a bike to explore the City from the Main Library's "Bike Bethlehem" fleet.
  7. **A Movie Streaming Service** - BAPL's Kanopy platform offers all sorts of great movies without the streaming fees of the other services.
  8. **Kits, Toys, Puzzles** - Want some new toys without breaking your budget? Planning a lesson or party around a theme? Want to stargaze or birdwatch? Whether you're a grandparent with little visitors, a parent looking for fun, or a teacher looking for resources, Youth Services offers puppets, puzzles, storykits and themed backpacks for everyone to play and explore.
  9. **Tools to Borrow** - Library patrons can borrow hand tools from the South Side Branch, including shovels, cultivators, socket wrenches, and more.
  10. **e-books and downloadable audiobooks** - You can borrow three titles at a time from cloudLibrary. If you like Audible (and saving money), this is a perfect fit for you.

### Bethlehem Area Public Library Locations

#### Main Library

11 W. Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610.867.3761



#### South Side Branch

400 Webster Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610.867.7852

#### BAPL Coolidge

2740 Fifth Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18020  
484.892.6267

#### Books on the Hill

Spiegel and Stanley Streets  
Fountain Hill, PA 18015

#### EZ Lend Kiosk

HTCC  
3660 Jacksonville Rd  
Bethlehem, PA 18017

#### Bookmobile

Coming soon to a spot near you!  
Check [bapl.org/bookmobile](http://bapl.org/bookmobile) for  
schedule updates





## Report Potholes and Poor Road Conditions Year-round

Potholes and other highway maintenance issues on state routes are reportable year-round to the Customer Care Center for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Reports can be submitted directly online at <https://customer.care.pennndot.gov>.

Motorists may also express concern with road conditions, construction projects, signs and signals, speed limits, and personal property damage by calling 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623). Be prepared with details on location and a description of the issue when you call or complete the online reporting form.

Urgent roadway concerns before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m. should be reported directly to the appropriate PennDOT Regional Office. Northampton County residents can contact the County PennDOT Office directly at 610-250-1840.

To report potholes on Township roads please contact the Township Office at 610-866-1140.

### REMINDER

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

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

Hanover Township may find it necessary to declare a "Snow Emergency" when the **anticipated effects** of the weather dictate. When Hanover Township declares a "Snow Emergency" it is broadcast on WAEB – 790 AM, WFMZ – Channel 69, via the Hanover Township Email Alert System and other media outlets. **If the Township declares a "Snow Emergency" parking on all Township streets is prohibited and vehicles may be tagged (\$75 fine) or towed at the owner's expense.** (§172-29 of the Codified Ordinance reads: Whenever a snow emergency has been declared it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be abandoned or parked, on any public highway.)

### YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED

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

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

- A. During periods of snowfall or ice accumulation required to be plowed or cindered until such precipitation is removed; or
- B. During times of scheduled garbage pickup or leaf collection.

We remind you of the above as we approach leaf and snow season.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

As Supervisor Chairman Nagle stated in this newsletter, I rescinded my intention to retire and postponed it indefinitely. The Township continues to face major issues including storm water, the pool, and MS4 (storm water facilities) reporting and compliance, and the development of the airport property to name a few. These issues and others are important to the future of our Township.

Additionally, I let the tone of national and state politics that has now found its way into municipalities influence my initial decision. What happened was that within days of making my initial announcement, I was offered two positions in other governmental agencies. Quickly, I realized, that the job I have was something I enjoyed and was most rewarding.

So, after hours and hours of conversations with residents, business and community leaders, peers and former peers, public service individuals and Township staff, I came to the realization that retiring was the easy way out.

Local government is responsible for delivering quality



services to our residents, business community and visitors. In my opinion, that is maintaining Township infrastructure, public structures, parks, and open space. In laymen terms, that's fixing potholes, collecting yard waste, collecting leaves, and salting & plowing streets in the winter. There are many other activities that go on behind the scenes, but those are some of the visible activities that the public sees daily and expects. Hanover has always been the envy of

other communities when it comes to the quality of services we provide.

As I shared with the Board on May 24th, "I will continue to work to ensure that Hanover Township is a Great Place to Live, Work and Play through cooperation and the same energy I've always possessed. I will also continue to lead our Township staff, who are in my opinion, second to none."

Finally, if you have a question, please either call the appropriate Township staff member, or me and get the facts. Please don't rely on social media sites where information is often tainted and not factual.

## SHADE TREE TIPS

### WHY PLANT A TREE?

Many missing or dead street trees have not been replaced. The Emerald Ash Borer has killed many ash trees. Other trees suffered storm damage or were planted too deeply and could not survive. Trees do much more than make our township beautiful. They also

- ✓ Reduce storm water runoff
- ✓ Provide cooling – reduce the surface and air temperature by providing shade
- ✓ Suck up carbon dioxide and give off oxygen
- ✓ Save energy use when properly placed around a building
- ✓ Increase property value by up to 20%, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

### WHEN TO PRUNE TREES

The safest time to prune trees is late fall, winter or early spring when the trees have lost their leaves and are dormant. There is no risk of spreading viruses and diseases during dormancy, and the branch structure is easier to see.

### PRUNE CORRECTLY – NEVER TOP A TREE!



For large trees, get professional help. Hire an ISO-certified arborist (ask to see their credentials).

A properly pruned tree is like a good haircut – hardly noticeable at first glance.

More information about trees – value, selection, planting, and care – can be found at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

### TREE CARE TIPS

#### 1. Don't Allow ANYONE To Top Or Tip Your Trees.

Topping has no value and is harmful to the tree.

For proper pruning, see the Township Website for Tree Care or visit the ISA website, [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org), which also contains a specific article titled "Why Topping Hurts Trees".

**2. WATER YOUNG TREES.** We have experienced a severe lack of rain this past summer which is extremely stressful to all trees, especially young ones. Give trees a good, deep watering at least once a week during drought conditions, and make sure they are well watered before the ground freezes. A drip hose under the tree out to the drip line or a 5-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom filled with water and set on the mulch area works well. Be sure to keep children and pets away to prevent possible drowning.

**3. MULCH.** Place mulch 2-3 inches deep in a wide circle, not touching the trunk. This keeps the ground cool, holds moisture, and prevents lawn mower and weed-whacker damage.

**4. REMOVE SHOOTS** growing from the base of the tree. Never use an herbicide on these shoots, since that could kill the tree.

**REMINDER:** If your street tree has died, you must replace it with a tree at least 2" in diameter. Check out the Township's Approved Tree List for suggested tree species. A permit can be obtained on-line or at the Township Office.

### REPLACE YOUR MISSING STREET TREE



The Township Approved Tree List can be found on the website or picked up at the Township Office.

Fall is the perfect time to plant trees!



# WHERE YOU LEAVE YOUR LEAVES MATTERS!

Leaves fall to the ground,

creating large amounts of  
**organic debris.**

This causes 2 problems:

**1** Leaves raked into streets **clog** storm drains and cause **local flooding.**

**2** Too many leaves add **excess nutrients** into streams.



kills fish

Decaying leaves feed **algae**.  
An overgrowth of algae...

makes our  
water green  
and stink

## What can you do with your leaves?



Participate in your community's leaf collection program.



Fertilize your lawn naturally—mulch leaves with a lawn mower.



Compost leaves to use in the garden.



Keep streets and storm drains clear of leaves.



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## Hanover Township Newsletter

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OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

### Meetings of Boards and Commission

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, with the exception of the Special Events and Recreation Advisory Board which are held at the Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** January, February, March, April, May, September, October and November on the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY; June, July and August the FOURTH TUESDAY and December the THIRD TUESDAY all starting at 7:00 p.m.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** February, March, April, May, June, August, October, November and December on the FIRST MONDAY and July and September the SECOND MONDAY all starting at 7:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:** Meetings are held the THIRD TUESDAY of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of January March, May, June, July, August, September and November, starting at 7:30 p.m.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD:** Meetings are held the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month whenever required. Time(s) of the hearing will be announced when scheduled.

**SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Meetings are held the LAST MONDAY of the month, except May which is held the fourth Monday of the month. No December meeting is held. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.