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Hanoverview

VINCENT G. MILITE

AUGUST 23, 1964 - JANUARY 9, 2023

by Jay Finnigan, Hanover Township Manager

How do you condense an individual's life into one Hanoverview article. I unfortunately have that daunting task.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors summed up Vince's life with these bullet points during the Board's meeting on January 10, 2023. John's Diacogiannis' remarks were, "Vincent G. Milite, Born - August 23, 1964, Eagle Scout, Freedom High School Graduate, Life-guard, a guardian of life, Teacher of Life, Public Works Extraordinaire, Operations Expert, Manager of Projects, Dedicated Leader, First Responder, Township Caretaker, Community Cheerleader and Activist, Top Citizen, Loving Son and Brother, Devoted Husband, Dedicated Father, Proud Grandfather, Dutiful Public Servant, End of Duty - January 9, 2023, Friend TO All, Friend OF All. Friend OF Mine."

The day following the Board meeting, Supervisor Barry Check shared this with the Board. "A Scout is: **Vince was: Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent**" Mr. Check's comments were taken directly from the Scout Oath.

If you review the Minutes from the Board meeting of January 10th on the Township website, you'll be able to see the remarks Supervisors Lawless and Prendeville offered.

My first introduction and recollection of Vince was when our family moved to Hanover in 1997 and we got involved with the activities of the 250th Anniversary Cele-



bration. He was present at all the events. Not just present, but active and engaged. This would continue during my time on the Board of Supervisors and the last seventeen plus years as Township Manager. When I became the Township Manager, Vince was serving as Road Superintendent under Public Works Director Kevin Healy. Vince was being groomed to be Kevin's successor and when Kevin retired in 2009, Vince was promoted to Public Works Director. Vince literally came up through the ranks, starting with the

Township in the early 1980's as a summer life guard.

Vince was a resource to the public works departments throughout the Lehigh Valley. Tom Petrucci, Township Manager - South Whitehall Township commented, "Vince is a huge personal loss to me. When I was a young Borough Manager in Bath, and subsequently a Township Manager in Plainfield Township I was constantly calling Vince to pick his brain on challenging issues. Vince was always willing to take my call, listen and offer suggestions. I'll miss him immensely."

Vince was a devoted, loving, caring son, husband, father, stepfather and his greatest status, a gushing grandfather. Nothing was more important to Vince than his family. They were always foremost in all his thoughts and actions.

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Chairman's Report 2022

by Jack Nagle,
Board of Supervisors



The Holidays have passed and now it is time for the remaining months of winter. I write this as the outgoing Chairman of the Board and incoming Vice Chairman of the Board. The "new" Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is really the "old" Chairman, John Diacogiannis, returning after a brief hiatus. Welcome back John!!

In review, much happened in 2022. Number One, and most importantly, after much research, discussion, and review, a loan was secured, and a vendor was selected to replace the pool. I want to thank the Pool Advisory Board, led by Board Member, Mike Prendeville, Supervisor Susan Lawless, and the Township Staff for their diligence over the past 3 years, working under difficult conditions (Covid, Supply Chain Issues, etc.) to get us to where we needed to be in this project. I believe that we will have a pool that we can be very proud of when it is completed.

The Board has worked through several difficulties in 2022. We were able to convince our wonderful Township Manager, Jay Finnigan, to delay his retirement. We dealt

with significant Township staff turnover, especially at the Community Center. Additionally, Jeff Warren resigned from the Board of Supervisors when he moved from Hanover to Bethlehem Township. Our greatest loss was in the first few days of January 2023, was the untimely passing of our Public Works Director, Vince Milite. Vince had been with the Township for about 40 years, starting as a Lifeguard, working his way to the Public Works Staff, and eventually to the Public Works Directorship. Everyone in this Township lost a great neighbor, friend, and public servant. More on Vince in this *Newsletter*.

As I stated in the last *Newsletter*, Christina Thomas has joined our staff as Secretary / Asst. Treasurer and is doing a great job as is Kim Lymanstall our Township Manager Secretary and Sierra Franco, our new Office Support Associate.

After interviewing 8 excellent candidates in October, Barry Check was appointed as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Barry had been a member of the crucial Township Planning Commission for the past 13 years, 6 years as Chairman. Additionally, he has been on the Traffic Impact Committee for 5 years, all as Chairman.

Barry has lived in Hanover 31 years and is married to Susan for 44 years. They have raised 2 children, who are now out on their own. Barry is a graduate of Freedom High School and later graduated from Lehigh as a Civil Engineer. His experience made him an obvious choice as a Supervisor. His expertise will be a great asset to the Township.

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.

VINCENT MELITE *continued*

As big as his physical presence was, he was a teddy bear. Inside that mean, tough, intimidating presence was a cream puff.... a big ass Teddy Bear. Cancer may have ravaged his physical body, but his love, care, and compassion burst through for all to see.

My lasting impression of Vince will be the grace and dignity he fought cancer with for the past four and a half years. Days when most people would be home unable to bring themselves to work, he was in the office working and fighting with every ounce of energy he had, leading by example. Vince was the fabric that bound the Township together.

As I've posted on Facebook, commented at a board meeting, remarked at a memorial event and during a Celebration of Life, our relationship went from boss/subordinate to friend/brother from another mother. Rest in Peace Brother!



On Saturday, January 21st, a Celebration of Life was held honoring Vince Milite at the HTCC. Among the speakers were Jeremy Bucko, Public Works Department and Sue Beuttel. Sue and Vince were lifeguards at the Hanover Pool.

News from the Colonial Regional Police Commission

by John N. Diacogiannis – CRPC Chairman

Remembering Vince Milite

It is with great sadness that the CRPD, as well as its Commission, recognizes the passing of Vince Milite. Vince was an avid supporter of our police department and went beyond his duties as the Director of Public Works. As one of the Township's Emergency Management Directors, he was the first to respond, day and night, to any serious scene to lend support as needed to the police, fire and emergency medical personnel. Vince took a personal interest in assisting and looking out for needs of the CRPD officers and staff. He was instrumental in raising a considerable amount of donations for CRPD's annual Shop with A Cop event. His efforts helped to make a lot of children's holiday season a little more normal. We join the many that have been blessed with his kindness over the years.



Raritan High School. He is 27 years. He served honorably in the US Marine Corps from 2013 to 2017. He earned an associate degree in Computer Information Systems

STERLING KEMMERER – originally from Doylestown and is now living in Quakertown. He is 31 years old. He graduated from Pennridge High School.

MICHAEL CABRERA – from Lower Nazareth Township. He is 21 years old. He graduated from Nazareth Area High School. Michael has been a volunteer with Hecktown Fire Department for the last 6 years.

We look forward to them joining the force. I will have more complete introductions upon their taking their oath.

CRPD Citizens Police Academy

This past fall, I had the pleasure of joining 20 of my fellow citizens in the 2022 CRPD Citizens Police Academy. This is an 11 week program conducted primarily one night each week, with each session lasting 2 hours. The program is run by our finest at CRPD under the direction of Deputy Chief Michael Melinsky. The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company provided an informative evening at their station house. A Northampton County Corrections Officer presented an eye opening look into gang activity in Pennsylvania. One of our area District Magisterial Judges conducted a mock trial of a criminal case study. Thanks also to the Keystone Rod and Gun Club for graciously allowing us free range time for the Academy participants to experience safe firearms handling practices and marksmanship. For most of them, it was the first time that they handled and fired a firearm.

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New Officer Candidates

As you may know, due to retirements and one untimely passing, we have had a relatively large number of new officers joining CRPD over the last few years. Recent years have been difficult for police recruitment. In particular, many cities have had difficulty in filling their ranks. Fortunately, we have not experienced that problem. Last fall, CRPD initiated a competitive officer recruitment and evaluation process. The evaluation and acceptance process are quite involved and designed to identify the best possible candidates. Three qualified candidates were selected and have recently entered the Allentown Police Academy. After graduation this summer, they will join the force and enter field training. They are:

JOSHUA CHICO – originally from Plainfield, NJ, now living in Easton. Joshua graduated from Bridgewater-



Citizens Police Academy at the firing range.



Citizens Police Academy graduation.

SUPERVISOR INFORMATION

Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Approved by Township 2022

by Supervisor Susan Lawless



The proliferation of warehouses in the Valley, the rapid disappearance of farmland, an increase in traffic on key roadways and a lack of affordable housing are just a few of the issues one might have read in any news article concerning life in the Valley over the last year or two. Addressing each of

these weighty issues requires planning and foresight. Planning is occurring at many levels.

Starting at a macro-level, there is the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission ("LVPC"). The LVPC was formed by Lehigh and Northampton Counties in 1961 to create a bi-county comprehensive plan to guide orderly growth in the two counties. The purpose of the LVPC is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the Lehigh Valley region in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (the "MPC"). The MPC is the source from which municipalities, like ours, derive their authority to regulate land use and development within their respective borders. The tools to do so are zoning ordinances, official maps and comprehensive plans. In 2019, the LVPC released a fifth comprehensive plan called FutureLV. FutureLV establishes goals, policies and actions designed to carry the region through at least 2045.

One of the most important functions the LVPC serves is to review most large development plans submitted to municipalities in the Valley. Its review is on an advisory basis only. The purpose of the review is to confirm compliance with Future LV as well as local planning priorities and to identify meaningful deviations therefrom. To meet its mission and goals, the LVPC's staff of professional planners works with its Commissioners who come from among the community it serves. I had the pleasure of serving as an LVPC Commissioner from 2019 through 2022. Chairman Diacogiannis had served as a Commissioner from 2001 to 2019.

A peculiarity of the MPC is that it requires each municipality to provide for an extremely broad array of uses within its borders. This requirement poses considerable

challenges for a community such as ours which is pretty much built-out. In 2019, the Township joined with the Boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Nazareth, Stockertown and Tatamy and the Townships of Bushkill, Lower Nazareth, Moore and Upper Nazareth to create the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan ("Naz-Plan"). The LVPC guided the municipalities in the process as professional consultant. The purpose of the Naz-Plan is to enable each participating municipality to shape a collective vision for the future.

While the Township retains its autonomy and control, planning as a region enables these municipalities to partner to address common priorities, including the preservation of environmental and historic assets which are of regional importance. Naz-Plan joins the Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, the Southern Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan and the Plan Slate Belt group as one more multi-municipal plan in the Valley. FutureLV, the multi-municipal plans and much more can be accessed at <https://LVPC.org>. With the Naz-Plan in hand as a road map for future development, the next challenge for the Township and its nine partners will be to review and update their respective body of ordinances to insure that they are adequate to meet the aspirations contained in the plan itself. Let the planning continue.

Meet Our Newest Supervisor BARRY CHECK



It is with enthusiasm and honor that I will be continuing my public service as a Supervisor in Hanover Township. I was born, raised, and educated in Bethlehem (BASD and Lehigh University). My family and I returned to area in 1991 following years of field engineering at various locations throughout the United States. I still distinctly remember as a child, passing through what used to be called Chickentown, on our way to my grandparents' farm in the Poconos. It has been exciting to see the fields reshaped into a highly favorable residential community. The region, schools and range

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Hanover Township Community Center



Hanover Township Community Center Update

The staff at HTCC would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Vince Milite. Vince was a wonderful person and always made sure the Community Center and the outside area was taken care of. He took pride in Hanover Township and its residents, and was a huge reason community events were successful. His infectious grin and ability to joke always made it a joy for him to stop by the Community Center. We will keep Vince's memory alive by continuing to spread positivity to all of Hanover Township. Please continue to keep Vince's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Current HTCC Programming

Winter/Spring Programming

Recreation — Youth and Adult Martial Arts

Sports — Junior and Adult Tennis Clinic, Pickleball, Open Gym Volleyball

Fitness — Yoga, Core Yoga, Silver Sneakers Classic, Silver Sneakers Chair Yoga, Spin Class, Low Level Weights, Step Aerobics, Zumba Gold, SHiNE Dance Fitness

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.

TOPS Club, Inc. was established in 1948. We are an international organization. The primary purpose of TOPS Club is to help our members Take Off pounds Sensibly and to Keep Off Pounds Sensibly. We provide private weigh ins, accountability, a bi-monthly magazine, and informative programs that promote healthy living as well as sensible weight management tools.

TOPS meet weekly, Thursday evenings in the aerobic room of HTCC. Weigh in is from 6:30 to 6:55 followed by the meeting at 7:00 to 7:45. Membership is just \$32.00 per year plus tax, (\$33.92). Dues are \$2.00 per week to our chapter.

Programs provide positive reinforcement and motivation to help adhere to our food exchange program or your choice of weight loss program. We encourage exercise programs and often have contests with cash awards. We host guest speakers trained in nutrition, exercise science and healthy lifestyles several times a year.

For more information about TOPS Club organization visit their web site at www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677. You may stop in to visit during our meeting or call Margaret at 610-882-0660 and leave a message with a return phone number.



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Greetings from our Preschool Director

Lisa Outcalt—Preschool Director

I am excited to share with you that we recently finished our first preschool semester back since Covid. We re-opened with both the 3-4 year old and the pre-K 4-5 year old classes at full capacity serving families within the community. The students enjoyed learning about the weather cycle, social studies including firefighter responsibilities, and studying the arts among other topics. Some of the students participated in the Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving celebrations, and Breakfast with Santa last semester.

For the 2023 Spring, we are looking forward to an exciting semester, learning about arctic animals, properties of ice, and outdoor exploration as the weather warms up.

We are looking forward to 2023 summer with fun and exciting activities including art, S.T.E.A.M., literacy, and games.

Thank you to the community for the continuing support of the preschool program here at HTCC.

Thank you! - Lisa

SPECIAL EVENTS 2023

Please mark your calendars for these special community events in 2023!

April 1—Easter Egg Hunt

April 1—Brunch with Bunny (registration will be required)

August 1—National Night Out

October 7—Fall Fest

December 1—Tree Lighting

December 2—Breakfast with Santa (registration will be required)

HTCC Updates!

Registration for 2023 Summer Camps will open shortly! Camp will begin middle of June and will run through middle of August with a few weeks of Parks Program as well. All day and half day options will be available.

We are now accepting applications for summer camp counselors. If you are someone you know is interested in applying, please stop by the front desk of HTCC for an application. You may also call 610-317-8701 or email recdirector@hanovertwp-cc.org

Requirements for camp counselors:

- 15 years of age or older
- Must be available either 8am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-5pm Monday-Friday
- Prefer availability for most of summer (including parks program)
- Will need to get CPR/First Aid/AED certified

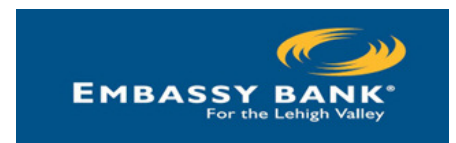
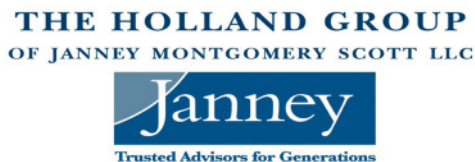


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MARLOW & MORROW REAL ESTATE TEAM



"Your Hanover Township Real Estate Team"
Call Linda 610-694-9343 or Tara 610-730-9060
Keller Williams Real Estate



Fundraisers

Bocce Ball

It is under negotiation and we are working on finalizing getting 1 bocce ball court built near the pool.

Golf Tournament

The second annual golf tournament will be Friday May 12, 2023 at Whitetail Golf Club. Registration is now open for golfers and sponsors! We look forward to seeing you there!

NOW HIRING

HTCC is looking for fitness instructors! We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic instructors to teach spin class, Zumba, and some type of high intensity/cardio class. Please reach out to recdirector@hanovertwp-cc.org

Outdoor Park & Safety Etiquette



BARRY CHECK *continued from page 4*

of services helped us select Hanover Township as the place we wanted to live and raise our children.

I am a Professionally Licensed Civil Engineer with over forty years of Engineering and Management experience. I currently work for Eastern Exterior Wall Systems as Chief Engineer. Previously, I was employed by United Engineers and Constructors, Raytheon Engineers, FLSmidth, Inven-sys, and Precision Components Corporation.

In 2009, I became a volunteer member of the Planning Commission and had served as its chairman since 2017. The Planning Commission is responsible for in the initial review and coordinated development of Subdivision and Land Developments, Conditional Uses, Lot Line changes, Ordinance revisions and as of late, the Nazareth Area Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan which is in the process of being adopted by surrounding communities.

In addition to the Planning Commission, I also served on Impact Fee Advisory Committee, that was created to develop land use assumptions, conduct roadway sufficiency analysis studies, and recommend the delineation of transportation service areas. Each year, when the Board of Supervisors approves the budget, they invest in our community's priorities. There are short-term and long-term goals that are important to various departments, the public, or have township wide impact. The Supervisors must be prepared to discuss those issues, decide on a course of action, and make an informed vote.

Our goal should always be to have as many different voices be part of the thoughtful and respectful discussion that will ultimately make decisions impacting the quality of life of the residents of our Township, as well as shape and guide its physical growth and vision for the future. I hope that my skills, including the ability to listen to facts and opinions, make sound judgements, and manage conflict will benefit the Township.

I look forward to getting to know more of you and listen to your input for the future of Hanover Township.

County Executive Lamont McClure's Perspective

Every December features a wrap-up of the latest trends. Something missing off the 2022 top ten lists—voting. Citizens have been turning out in record numbers in recent years. The 2022 General Election had a turnout of 58.4%—20 points higher than in 2014.



While the higher turnout is better for our democracy, it does make holding elections more challenging. I'm glad to report that our Election Office staff and volunteers continues to do a great job making sure every eligible citizen can vote and that every eligible ballot is counted.

2023 is an odd number which means this is a municipal year: school directors, mayors, township supervisors, auditors, etc. While not as exciting as a state-wide or national races, local elections have direct impact on your community when it comes to zoning, taxes and services.

If you want to vote by mail this year you will have to reapply. In February, the Elections Office will send reminder letters to those on the permanent list; anyone not on the permanent list can fill out an application at vote.pa.gov

Pennsylvania will hold its primary on May 16th with the polls open from 7 AM-8 PM. The primary is closed so only voters registered as Democrats or Republicans can for vote for candidates, but any registered voter can vote on referendum questions.

As the poet Archibald MacLeish once said, "Democracy is never a thing done. Democracy is always something that a nation must be doing."

I hope everyone votes this year knowing that our dedicated Elections staff and volunteers are working hard to ensure our elections are legal, fair, and accurate.

Shade Tree Advisory Board — TREE TIPS

Winter (the dormant season) is the best time to prune your shade trees. Call an ISA arborist (a member of the International Society of Arboriculture) and have your tree(s) professionally pruned if they are too large for you to handle.

Never allow your tree to be topped, a very harmful practice.

Replace any missing street tree with one from the Hanover Township Approved Tree List.

March through May is the perfect time to plant new trees.

Please call the Township Office if you are interested in serving on the Shade Tree Advisory Board. An interest in trees and our "urban forest" is all that is necessary.

Homestead Property Tax Exclusion!

by Rep. Joe Emrick, 137th Legislative District



Did you know you can save money on your property taxes through the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion? The Taxpayer Relief Act reduces your property tax bill on your primary residence and the savings is deducted off your actual bill. Applying is simple and once you've signed up, you don't have to worry about it again as

long as you live in your home! Under the program, individuals qualify for a homestead exclusion so long as they own the property for which they are applying, they pay the taxes on it and it is their primary residence.

Please call my offices at 610-746-5090 or 717-260-6159 so my staff can guide you through the application process and submit it on your behalf. You may also visit my district office in Nazareth at 134 South Main Street if you prefer in-person assistance.

This is a one-time application and **MUST** be filed by March 1st. Applicants will be notified within 30 days if they qualify for a reduction in their real estate taxes.

Please feel free to contact or reach out to my district office for assistance. I look forward to serving you.



News from the Colonial

Regional Police Commission *continued from page 4*

Other session topics included DUI/impaired driving, truck laws enforcement, motor vehicle crash investigation, police techniques and control tactics, hands on mock crime scene investigation, CRPD's participation on the Northampton County Drug Task Force, visits to the County 911 Center and the Northampton County Coroner's Forensic Center, an informative meet and demonstration by the K9 team. At separate times, a ride along with an officer was also offered to participants, as well as basic firearms safety and hands on shooting at the range.

Planning for the 2023 Citizens Police Academy is underway, with the program starting in late August or early September. Due to space and logistics, enrollment is limited to 20 participants. Preference is given to Hanover and Lower Nazareth Township residents. More information will be available this summer. I encourage anyone interested to reserve your spot now by contacting CRPD Administrative Assistant, Gail Heffner at 610-861-4820 or gheffner@colonialregionalpd.org

Office Hours at the Community Center On Third Thursday of every Month

by Rep. Steve Samuelson, 135th Legislative District



It is my great honor to be elected to serve the residents of Hanover Township as State Representative. After the latest redistricting, the 135th Legislative District now includes parts of the City of Bethlehem and more than 80 percent of Hanover Township – specifically Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Hanover Township District 5 is represented by my colleague,

Rep. Joe Emrick of the 137th District.

On the Third Thursday of every month, I am holding Hanover Township Office Hours from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Hanover Township Community Center. I will have information on programs and benefits my office can help you with, including the Property Tax / Rent Rebate, and senior passes for public transportation.

- ❖ We have applications for the LANTA Senior Citizen Transit ID Card, with which individuals 65 and older can ride LANTA buses for free.
- ❖ We also can sign you up for a SEPTA Key Card. Residents 65 and older can ride SEPTA buses or trains for free, including the Regional Rail lines arriving and departing from Doylestown, Colmar, Lansdale and Norristown. We can sign you up online and take your photo for the SEPTA Key Card at our Hanover Township Community Center office hours or at my District Office in Bethlehem. You will then get your SEPTA Key Card in the mail.
- ❖ There are no income limits for the LANTA Senior Citizen Transit ID Card or the SEPTA Key Card.

My District Office is located at 104 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Feel free to call anytime with any state related question or concern, for assistance with state programs and benefits, or for copies of state publications. My office phone number is 610-867-3890.

I recently had the opportunity to present House of Representatives Citations to two Hanover Township Boy Scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Bryce Bailey and Owen Reilly, both Liberty High School seniors, have been friends since Cub Scouts and are members of Troop 362. Bryce's Eagle Scout project was to design and create an outdoor classroom at Hanover Elementary School. Owen's Eagle Scout project was constructing a Community Donation kiosk at East Hills Moravian Church along with organizing a food drive. Congratulations to Bryce and Owen on their outstanding achievements.



Dear Members of the Westgate Community,

At Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, our most fundamental obligation – which we take seriously and conscientiously - is to provide safe and reliable water service to our customers, and we do that well. Part of the Westgate system, which we purchased in 2001, was not designed to provide fire protection service based on current standards. Approximately 16 hydrants are connected to that portion of the system. They are functioning as designed, are all in service, and are utilized by operational staff for maintenance of the water distribution system during times of line breaks, cloudy water complaints, annual system flushing, etc. We have partnered with an engineering firm to evaluate the Westgate water system. A fire flow study was performed and was utilized to make improvements to the water system resulting in the addition of 4 new fire hydrants and 8 existing hydrants being upgraded to provide minimum fire flow. The study will also be utilized to direct future improvements to the system such as water main replacements.

Hanover Township Management and Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co. #1 have been notified of these changes and know which 8 hydrants have “flushing only” collars affixed to them. The fire company is aware that these 8 hydrants are for maintenance purposes only and respond to fire calls in this section of the Westgate system with automatic dispatch to neighboring fire companies to provide additional water supply for firefighting efforts.

We will continue to work with the engineering firm utilizing the fire flow study to develop a main replacement plan to bring the mains of the remaining 8 “flushing only” hydrants up to fire suppression standards. The next phase of main replacement is scheduled for 2024.

Sincerely,

Dana Hill

President
Community Utilities of Pennsylvania

The Township has worked closely with Community Utilities of Pennsylvania to improve hydrant pressure and consequently fire protection and suppression capabilities in their service area which is primarily south of 22 and more succinctly south of Macada Road.

Residents in the Westgate Community should have received this letter from CORIX in December. It is being reprinted to insure factual information is being provided to residents.

Board of Supervisors

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

- ✓ Elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- ✓ Elected Jack Nagle Vice Chairman
- ✓ Re-appointed James Broughal Township Solicitor
- ✓ Re-appointed Brien Kocher as Township Engineer
- ✓ Appointed Marianne Rivera to the Shade Tree Advisory Board

- ✓ Re-appointed Robert E. Roll, Michael J. Stasak, Jr., Thomas J. Dredge, Jon-Erik Miller and Melissa Garcsar to the Recreation Advisory Board

In December the Board appointed the following:

- ✓ Appointed Paul Borosky to the Planning Commission
- ✓ Appointed Telly Diacogiannis as the Township's representative to the Bethlehem Area Public Library

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to all our residents for your generous donations you gave to Santa and his elves. Our members look forward to this day every year. It is so much fun to see how excited everyone including our furry friends are to see Santa. Your generous donations helped to keep us all warm in our hearts. The Fire Company needs your donations to help support our great Company throughout the year. These donations help us to pay the bills we need to pay to keep our volunteer company operational.

WEGMAN'S DONATION

Thank you once again to Wegman's for their gracious donation of the apples, candy canes and puppy treats we gave out on Santa day and for donating the lunch for Santa and his elves. Santa Day is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and this donation makes it possible for us to use all the donations we receive towards our operational expenses.



FUNDRAISING

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

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS NEEDED

HELP US HELP YOU.... COME JOIN OUR TEAM

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are different divisions within our company: **Administrative positions**, Firefighting, Fire Police, or EMS. **All required training and equipment provided at no cost.** If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station 610-867-2103 x417, or stop by during Monday Night Training at 7:00 pm.

Visit our website: <http://www.htvfc.org>.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Chief James DePalma

In 2022, the Colonial Regional Police Department responded to approximately 8,793 calls for service. Of those, 156 were thefts or attempted thefts in Hanover Township. Most were thefts from unlocked motor vehicles which were parked outside of the owner's residence, and the majority of these thefts happened in the nighttime hours. Other theft reports were thefts of packages from porches and mailboxes. Also reported were several victims scammed by phone calls.

There are simple ways to avoid being the victim of these "crimes of opportunity". Keep your car doors locked when your car is parked in your driveway or at a store. Most thieves will bypass a vehicle when they find the doors locked. Never leave anything of value in your vehicle like laptops, purses, or wallets. Especially don't leave them in plain sight. If you're expecting a package to be delivered to your home, make sure you track it. When it's delivered, immediately have it removed. If you are not at home to remove it yourself, ask a neighbor or a family member to do it for you. Thefts of packages from porches happen at all times during the year, but the frequency increases during the holidays. As for phone scams, never provide any personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, or credit card numbers to someone on any unsolicited phone call. The IRS will only contact you by mail, and no legitimate agency will ask you to pay for something or pay a fine by having you purchase any type of gift card and reading the card numbers to them over the phone. Some of the more common phone scams are the scammers calling and telling you there is a warrant out for your arrest or that a family member has been arrested and they need bail money. Another scam is that you won money and that you must pay the taxes before they can send you your winnings. Remember the adage, "if it's too good to be true, it probably is".

Keep yourself safe by taking a few easy steps. Let your family or neighbors know when you're expecting deliveries or when you are having work done on or around your property. If you are going away for an extended period, make sure your house is locked up, lights are on timers and your mail is stopped or being picked up by a friend or family member. Be aware of your surroundings. If something is suspicious or out of place in your neighborhood, it should be reported to the police by calling the Northampton County 911 Center's non-emergency number, 610-759-2200, or by simply dialing 911.



EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS Call Statistics 2022

Medical Emergencies2,292
Motor Vehicle Accidents 159
Fire Support 120
Total calls2,571



Tips to help keep safe in the cold weather.

When you are outside, frostbite and hypothermia are possible, so you need to protect yourself.

1. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
2. Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.
3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
4. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.



What are the warning signs of Hypothermia?

Sometimes it is hard to tell if a person has hypothermia. Look for clues. Is the house very cold? Is the person not dressed for cold weather? Is the person speaking slower than normal and having trouble keeping his or her balance?

Early signs of Hypothermia:

- ✓ Cold feet and hands
- ✓ Puffy or swollen face
- ✓ Pale skin
- ✓ Shivering (in some cases the person with hypothermia does not shiver)
- ✓ Slower than normal speech or slurring words
- ✓ Acting sleepy
- ✓ Being angry or confused

Later signs of Hypothermia:

- ✓ Moving slowly, trouble walking, or being clumsy
- ✓ Stiff and jerky arm or leg movements
- ✓ Slow heartbeat
- ✓ Slow, shallow breathing
- ✓ Blacking out or losing consciousness

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Looking Forward to Serving You

by State Senator Nick Miller, 14th Senatorial District,
Lehigh and Northampton Counties

In February of 2022, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission (LRC) voted on and adopted the Final Reapportionment Plan for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Senate, which placed parts of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, including Hanover Township, in the 14th Senatorial District. On November 8, 2022, I was elected to represent sworn into office on January 3, 2023.



A little about me: I am a fifth generation Allentown resident, raised by my mother, a public servant, who instilled upon me the importance of service from a young age. I graduated with a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. This spirit of service is what inspired me to successfully run for the Allentown School Board in 2019, serving as Vice President of the School Board in 2021. I am most proud of directing \$34 million of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to upgrade some of the district's oldest buildings, including installing air conditioning in 10 of the district's schools by 2025, and effectively navigating the school district through the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a small business owner, I understand the need for investment in our local economy. I look forward to supporting policies that attract new economic opportunities across the 14th District, making it easier for families to make ends meet and keeping more money in Pennsylvanian's wallets.

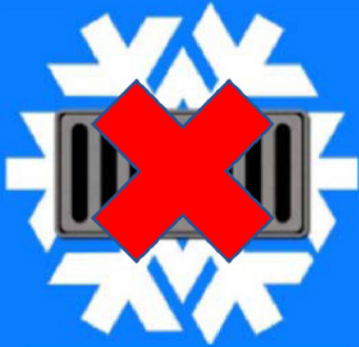
In the state Senate, I will continue as an unwavering advocate for students, educators, and economic success for families and small businesses in the Lehigh Valley.

Should you ever need to contact me, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at Miller@pasenate.com or by calling my District Office at (610) 821-8468. Our office is located at 740 West Hamilton Street, Suite 200, Allentown, PA 18101, and my staff is available to assist you with navigating issues involving PennDOT, Health and Human Services, the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, Birth Certificate Requests, Unemployment Compensation Benefits, and many more issues. I also encourage you to visit pasenatormiller.com to sign up for email updates, stay informed about my work in Harrisburg, and learn more about the services that my office can provide.

I look forward to serving the residents of Hanover Township in this new capacity!

• PROTECT OUR WATERSHED •

WINTER TIPS



SHOVEL

Shovel snow onto vegetated areas. Grass and plants will act as a natural filter once snow melts, reducing runoff that goes down storm drains directly to rivers and streams.



PLAN AHEAD

Shovel and scrape early and often. De-icers work best when there is only a thin layer to remove.



USE LESS

A little salt goes a long way. Apply sparingly and remove slush once the snow melts to prevent refreezing.



RECYCLE

Save money by reclaiming salt for re-use by sweeping or vacuuming the solids from the sidewalk or driveway after the storm.



STORAGE

Practice good housekeeping by storing salt or other de-icers under a roof or other cover to minimize polluted runoff.



VEHICLES

Winterize vehicles so that there are no leaks. Do not wash the car in the driveway – ensure that dirty washwater is not entering the storm sewer.

FYI

PROTECT OUR WATERSHED



GOT SNOW? • GO LOW SALT!

How to Reduce the Impact of Salt in Our Watershed

Buy Early: Make sure to have your stock of deicing products already in hand well in advance of the first big storm of the season. This way you will have a better selection of environmentally friendly products.

Avoid Kitty Litter and Ashes: These products do not melt snow or ice, and when it warms up they get messy. Sand provides better traction.

Shovel Early and Often: Deicers are most effective when there is only a thin layer of snow or ice that needs to be melted.

Apply Salt Early, but Sparingly: After you shovel and scrape as much snow and ice as possible, throw about a handful of rock salt per square yard. For calcium chloride salt, only a handful for every three square yards is needed.

Know Your Salt-Risk Zone: Note any plants, shrubbery, or grass that is within five to ten feet of your sidewalk and driveway and avoid using deicing products that contain chloride.

YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2023 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery on December 10, 2022 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available online on the Township Website.

2023 RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING BILLS

Your residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2023 calendar year was mailed on January 20, 2023 to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the end of January, please call the Municipal Office at 610.866.1140. Our office will accept payments during business hours Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited in our mail slot during non-business hours.

YARD WASTE

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

From the Public Works Department

MAILBOXES

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

TREES

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

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

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb. Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has also become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you. Clearance should be 8' above any and all walking areas. If you have low hanging branches, please trim them up.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS
RESPECT PROPERTY

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS

The Township continues to receive complaints concerning dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Please make sure you carry bags with you and dispose of them properly.

Recently, residents have started to call because pet owners drop their dog waste in residential recycling barrels. The waste hauler dumps these bags out, leaving them for the property owner to deal with.

SCHOOL NEWS

ASA PACKER • *Written by Asa Packer PTA*

We hope everyone is having a happy and healthy start to 2023! We closed out 2022 with a lot of fun, excitement and Puma Pride throughout our Asa Packer community. As we look forward to what 2023 has to bring, we wanted to reflect on some of our favorite year-end highlights.

The Walk-a-Thon was held in September, and we beat our fundraising goal, and raised over \$10,500 for the school! Thank you to our generous Asa Packer families and friends for supporting our students!

The “Puma Parties” initiative developed during COVID-19 as a way for students and families to connect within our Asa community is still going strong. Over the winter holiday season families got to meetup for an afternoon of Ice Skating at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink. Slips, falls and laughs were enjoyed by all.

The students favorite “Brain Show” event will return to Asa Packer. This will be an assembly with all of the Asa Packer students and then in the evening, families joined for another round of The Brain Show event. This always guarantees laughter, comradery, and making memories with friends and family!

The PTA supported the arrival of Jesse Ruben to discuss his “We Can” Project. He promotes a service-learning initiative that inspires and profoundly connects students to the difference they can make in their lives, their communities, and in the world. He played some tunes and helped the children set some goals. He will be returning later this year to check in on those goals.

A big highlight for our students was participating in the Cup Stacking Tournament. Asa Packer Elementary School received a certificate for participating in setting a new WSSA (World Sport Stacking Association) World Record for Cup stacking on November 15-17th. The new world record is now 737,863.

The Asa Packer community showed their support of the Veterans by hosting an event at school for all the student’s veteran family members.

Two more Appreciation Stations were rolled out by the PTA to our wonderful teachers as a gesture of thanks for all the great work and support they give our children. A chocolate themed bar in November and a Hot Chocolate bar in December.

Finally, the winter concerts returned after the COVID hiatus. The kindergarten, 4th grade & instrumental students were able to demonstrate their talents to family members.

Some additional end-of-year highlights included:

- Festive Fall & Winter parties to spread holiday cheer and treat our students to some fun for all their hard work over these last few months. A special thanks to the parents and families for donating supplies and their time to make this event happen.
- Parading down Main Street dressed in “game” themed attire as part of the Bethlehem Halloween parade.
- Getting to go on Field Trips! Our 5th graders had the opportunity to see The Nutcracker in December and the Schoolhouse Rocks Live production at Freedom High School.
- The wonderful teachers at Asa held a Winter Wonderland event on December 8th. It was a delightful night of crafting, stories, games and snacks.
- Four Spirit days were held, Pajama Day (the money raise was donated to CHOP), favorite Sports Day, Happy Everything Day and Festive Sweater Day.
- In addition to the dine and donate fundraising events at our reliable supporters Pat’s Pizza & Bistro and PJ Whelians a new one was introduced much to the children’s delight. Parents & grandparents got to send “Snowman Grams” to their children/grandchildren and they received them on the day before Christmas break.
- Dr. DeLeo, formerly from the Lehigh University Dept of Physics, visited the students and departed some interesting science knowledge.
- Asa Packer families donated gently used books from home to the school & the children participated in Winter Friendship Book Swap. This was a fun and exciting way to continue the love of reading and books.
- As we head into 2023, we’re excited for the return of our vegetable garden training program sponsored by the Kellyn Foundation, the international dinner night and the return of some good old fashioned snow days!



Jesse Ruben performs at Asa Packer.

SCHOOL NEWS

HANOVER ELEMENTARY

Welcome 2023! So many wonderful things have taken place at Hanover Elementary since the start of the school year.

Our students were able to participate in the annual Harvest Day celebration which included a parade through the neighborhood and fall inspired activities. Autumn celebrations continued by joining in the Bethlehem Halloween Parade. In November, we took time to honor the Veterans of our country during a ceremony. Our school was very honored to have Veterans from the local community join us this year. Many students and faculty added their own part to the celebration by putting together a short on-line speech for a Veteran they knew of personally or through their extended family. Through the help of our community, the Bake Sale held during election day was a huge success. Many, many



thanks to those who so generously donated their yummy baked goods and to those who helped during the sale.

We kicked off the holiday spirit with a wreath and poinsettia sale in November. Our student government took on a leadership role of decorating a tree at LVIA. Students were excited to partake in the joy of the Secret Santa Holiday Gift Shop. Big thank you for all the helpers and volunteers. The 5th grade students had the joy of watching the Nutcracker at the Zoellner Arts Center. The hallways were filled with holiday tunes from the annual Winter Program. The show featured vocal performances from Kindergarten and 4th grade as well as an instrumental presentation from the 5th grade students in Band and Orchestra. Our students were greeted by some members of the LHS Grenadier band with more holiday sounds. The LHS Boys' Varsity Basketball Team visited the classrooms to read to our students and then they showed off their basketball skills by doing a dunk contest – what a treat for all the students!! To demonstrate the season of giving, we partnered with the Northampton County Children and Youth to provide gifts to families in need. Thanks to everyone's charitable spirit, 100 families will feel the holiday joy as well.

Some things we are looking forward to this spring may include the Talent Show, Spring Concert, 5th grade track meet, field trips and our production of Aladdin the musical.

For those families who have children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023, keep an eye out on the BASD website for online registration to open!!

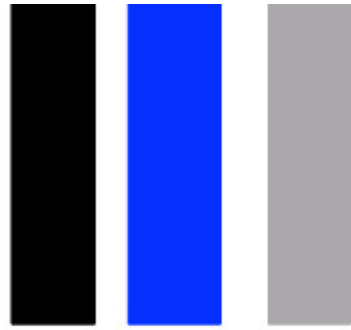


Some candid photographs from the Celebration of Life held for Vince Milite. More details of the event will be included in the Summer [Hanoverview](#).

Left to Right: Dave Keim personal friend; Mike Prendeville Township Supervisor; Dave Savage retire public works employee; Marty Limpar Assistant Public Works Director; Joan Rosenthal former Supervisor and Allison Milite, Vince's daughter.



VINCE MILITE • CELEBRATION OF LIFE



JENNIFER D. HENDERSHOT MEMORIAL



5K RUN

3K DOG WALK



A RACE TO BENEFIT THE
FAMILY OF JANNA KEISER &
CHILDREN OF JENNIFER
HENDERSHOT

SATURDAY
4/29/2023

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK
3660 JACKSONVILLE RD
BETHLEHEM PA 18017

5K Run (\$35) - 8:00AM
3K Walk (\$30) - 8:15AM



TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Bethlehem/jenniferhendershottmemorial>

Hosted by the Colonial Regional Plice Auxiliary



BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning Starts Here

Books on the Go!

Let us bring the library to you! The BAPL Bookmobile is a mobile library that brings books and other reading materials directly to the community. The bookmobile visits various parts of Hanover Township on a regular basis, as well as special visits to community events, making it easy for residents to borrow books and other materials without traveling to a traditional library location. The Bookmobile is equipped with a wide selection of new materials for all ages and interests. Hanover residents can also get a library card on the bookmobile, as well as pick up holds, making it easy for residents to borrow books and other materials. With the BAPL Bookmobile, community members can enjoy the benefits of a library that comes right to their doorstep! Check out bapl.org to see the bookmobile's schedule in Hanover Township!

CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY PROGRAMS!

Don't miss the events offered at your library for children, teens, and families. Storytimes, Play & Learn Family Place sessions, STEAM events for all ages, Dungeons & Dragons One Shot sessions, Bethlehem Police Department Storytimes, Homework Help sessions with Moravian University tutors, Spike's 7th Birthday Celebration, and so much more. Check our website (bapl.org) for daily events and more information. Most Youth events do not require registration. Join us!

Don't miss the Lehigh Valley Book Fest

On March 25 at BAPL and all weekend at locations throughout the area, we will celebrate books and authors with our annual book festival. Well-known authors and upcoming stars will be on hand to sign their books, and there will be lots of fun events for kids as well.



Sign up for our email newsletter at bapl.org/newsletter

Check bapl.org/the-bookmobile for the updated bookmobile schedule



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



Have you visited the **EZ Lend Kiosk** lately? Available whenever the Hanover Township Community Center is open!



Hanoverview

Hanover Township Newsletter

3630 Jacksonville Road

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017-9302

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Meetings of Boards and Commission

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: February, March, April, May, June, 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.