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# Hanover

## Chairman's' Corner

by John Diacogiannis  
Chairman – Board of Supervisors

I'm baaaack!!!!!! In case you have not heard, my fellow Supervisors once again elected me to the position of Chairman of the Board. Last year after eighteen years of service as Chairman, the Board gave me respite. I am grateful to Supervisor Jack Nagle for stepping up as Chairman and giving me a little break. Jack is currently serving as Vice Chairman.



Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services officially declared that the Covid-19 national emergency is over. While Covid has NOT gone away, I suppose that means that all the extraordinary steps and procedures and policies meant to protect all of us from the Covid are no longer in play and that we are getting back to normal. I'm not sure that brings much solace to the many people who have been affected by this terrible life episode. Many of us have lost friends and loved ones. How we interact and do business with one another has markedly changed. Many businesses have been impacted, some to the extent of closing. Supply chain problems became a troubling issue and exacerbated inflationary pressures on nearly all goods and services. Township services and operations were not immune to the issues facing all of us. Many thanks go to our township employees who continued to do their jobs under some very difficult conditions, while many of us stayed home. Over the last 3 years, township leadership and staff managed to help us weather the pandemic storm. I believe that we have turned the

corner, but there is more work for all of us to do. Township staff is prepared for the challenges ahead. The untimely passing of our good friend and colleague Vince Milite was an unbearable shock for most of us. We continue to be reminded about everything that Vince did for the township and

unselfishly did for the community. We are so very pleased that his assistant, Marty Limpar has capably stepped up to fill the important role of Public Works Director.

The Hanover Township Community Center had an arduous and difficult restart. Manpower was difficult to obtain. Most importantly, participation and attendance were apparently still under the pandemic shadow. We are pleased that HTCC has bounced back since last year. Activities for young and old alike have seen an amazing resurgence. Please join me and warmly welcome our new Recreation Director, Dante Terenzio. He is well known in local high school athletic circles and respected by young and old. In a few short months he has shown us what he can do and what we can expect in the near future. Stop in and meet Dante. Better yet, participate in activities for all ages.

While not directly caused by the Covid pandemic, the rebuilding of our township pool was certainly affected by the economic, labor and supply issues that we have all experienced. As many of you have seen, pool reconstruction has begun.

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## JOE VELTRI – A Life Saved • by Mona Finnigan



*First Responders at luncheon with Joe Veltri.*



*Tesha and Joe Veltri*

#LEARN CPR

As I came around the corner, it was easy to tell where the action was happening. There were ambulances and emergency vehicles parked everywhere along both sides of the street.

This was a gathering planned to give back to all those involved in the series of events that perfectly unfolded to ultimately save Joe Veltri's life. From the next door neighbor that was out walking her puppy as Joe walked over to deliver an Amazon package... to the newly certified EMT that just happened to stop over at a neighbor's house and ended up performing CPR on Joe who was now laying on the ground...to the Hanover Township Ambulance Corp and the City of Bethlehem-EMS that would arrive in a matter of minutes to administer procedures that would ultimately restore life in Joe's body and enable him to undergo life-saving surgeries once he arrived at the hospital. Not to mention, one of the volunteers riding along that night was a doctor...just what Joe needed.

It was like the perfect storm that ended in victory. Every person was in position and doing what they needed to do to make a difference and save a life...Joe Veltri's life. Miracle...."It was a miracle!" Joe said. "Today was to say THANK YOU to everyone involved" in that miracle...the neighbors ...the friends...and especially the Hanover Township Ambulance Corp and the City of Bethlehem-EMS. They selflessly gave and give of themselves each and every day...going above and beyond each and every time they respond to a 911 call. They are professional, dedicated and hard-working volunteers and career personnel working together to make a difference in our lives. Joe Velti says "THANK YOU"...and we the residents of Hanover Township say "THANK YOU!" Job Well Done!...

### Chairman's Corner *continued from page 1*

While progress appears to be slow, that is because the current phase is primarily subterranean. Conditions require a complicated, time consuming and expensive boring and grouting process. Once that is completed, I expect to see more visible evidence of the pool being rebuilt. We expect the pool to be completed, filled and tested prior to weatherization for the winter. If all goes as planned, we should be in a position for an ontime 2024 swim season opening.

Here's a quick update on the Colonial Regional Police Department. The department and police commission is currently completing a hiring process for new officer candidates. We expect to be in a position to secure several new officer candidates in the next month.

Also, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, the class of 3 new officer candidates that we hired last year will be completing their Act 120 certification at the Police Academy and will enter supervised field training with CRPD very soon. I'll have more details on this in the next newsletter.

In the last newsletter, I detailed the highly acclaimed Citizens Police Academy. The 11 session, once a week, program is open to all Hanover and Lower Nazareth Township residents and should start around late August or early September. Details are being worked on; however I strongly recommend that you reserve one of the limited spots (around 20) by calling Wanda Stackhouse at the station 610-861-4820.

## What Does a Township Supervisor Do?

by John "Jack" Nagle  
Vice Chairman – Board of Supervisor

I am sure many of you either don't know or have misconceptions of what exactly the role of the 5 Supervisors of Hanover is. Let me help you out.

The primary role of local government is to provide:

1. First Responders – police, fire, EMS, etc.
2. Roads and Road Maintenance
3. Snow Plowing
4. Garbage, Yard Waste, and Leaf Collection
5. Maintaining local rules and regulations for the standardization and safety of community living – zoning, building regulations, etc.

You as citizens of Hanover have every right to expect that you are safe from criminals, fires, and medical emergencies. You have every right to expect that your roads are safely designed and maintained and your cars will not be damaged by potholes. You have every right to wake up on a winter's morning and have your roads plowed. You have every right to have your health protected by having garbage and waste removed. Lastly, you have every right to know that well thought out local rules and regulations will insure that houses and commercial buildings are safely built and maintained. These are the primary goals and responsibilities of the Township Supervisors.

All of this at fiscally responsible levels. Sounds simple and easy. To a degree it is, however, there are many things that come into play. For example, citizens have many ideas about the Township, all of which we listen to and make determinations therein. It is the Supervisors responsibility to insure that all decisions are made fairly and equitably for all citizens. In other words, any changes to policies must be made not to slight any citizen for the good of one over another. Fairness is key to running a local community.

Probably 75% to 80% of the job is being fiscally responsible. There is NO money tree in local government! It is the Supervisors' mission to insure that you, the taxpayers, get the most services for the least amount of money. In my opinion, the taxpayers are not to be a money tree to be plucked. As taxes have not gone up in many, many years, I would say that that mission has been accomplished.

I neglected to mention another duty that Supervisors have. We act as Roadmasters for the Township. Most townships have full-time paid Roadmasters. Hanover has elected to not go that route and uses the Supervisors instead. Roadmasters drive and/or walk around the Township inspecting roads, curbs, signs, lines of sight, drains, culverts, etc. and report findings to the Public Works crew. This saves the Township significant expense and augments the excellent job our Public Works crew does.

There are challenges coming ahead. Since the end of World War II, the Township has grown by leaps and



bounds, both with industry and residents. Growth has been the economic generator through these past 78 years and has given the tax dollars necessary to provide essential services. The coming challenge is that we, as a Township, are almost built out. The last remaining area to be developed is the corridor along Airport Road. This area is zoned for industry. The important point here is that industry pays far more

taxes than residential properties and, believe it or not, require far fewer services. Past and current Supervisors recognized this fact, which is why your local taxes are lower than anywhere else in the County. If you were to look at Hanover from the air or a map, you would see that the Township is ringed by industry and commercial properties with residences in the center. This was truly planned so that citizens would have convenient services and possibly even have job opportunities within easy distances. Past Supervisors planned for this and current Supervisors look ahead into the future. Believe it or not, many decisions that Supervisors make can and will affect the Township 25, 50 or even 100 years from now.

An important point to always remember is that your Supervisors are your neighbors with the same hopes, dreams, ideas, and life experiences as you. We have lived here for years, have raised our families, live in the same types of houses. About the only difference is that we have chosen to serve you, the residents of Hanover. We are not supported by any political affiliation and in fact, politics has NOTHING to do with local government. Should any Supervisor be motivated by politics and pushing a particular political party agenda, they would be that much less of a public servant.

The late Frank Colon, a former long-term Supervisor and Lehigh professor had the most brilliant statement about local government. "Local Government is the government that people concern themselves with the least, but it is the government that is most important to their daily lives."

I hope this helps you understand what your Township Supervisors do for you. We are all at your disposal to answer any questions or issues you may have. Have a great summer.

**Additional information is in the  
online Township newsletter.**



## A New Supervisors Thoughts

by Barry Check



I thought it would be interesting to provide an insight as to what a new Supervisor encounters in the early days and months of taking on this new responsibility.

In my earlier role of Chairman of the Planning Commission for this Township, I had at least some acquaintance with a portion of the township staff. But since becoming a Township Supervisor I made a point to

meet all the township personnel and support staff including the four other Supervisors, Accounting, Zoning, Public Works, Engineering, and the Township Solicitor. I also met officers from Colonial Regional Police Department and personnel from the Fire Department and EMS. Yet I further had to understand the Township organization and the roles of each. The Organization chart and the Township Directory provided a quick reference of the reporting structure. It was clearly obvious that the Township Manager carries the load of the day-to-day workings within the township. Not only does Mr. Finnigan know the history and workings of each piece of equipment, but his extensive rolodex has deep contacts in our Township, neighboring Townships, County, City and State departments. I am convinced he has them memorized because when I ask a question, he typically can spout off the individual's name whom I should contact.

My first days started with being provided a little light reading: Elective Office in Local Government and The Township Supervisor's Handbook (PA Governor's Center for Local Government Services), PA Second Class Township Code, PA Municipalities Planning Code, Hanover Township Codes, Hanover Township Policies, The Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, Hanover Township Budget, Profit and Loss Statements, Balance Sheets, Statement of Cash Flows. Of course, there are forms that require your immediate attention. And did I tell you about the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Training Classes.

While that is the base information you must review and retain. Now starts the fun part of what the Township does on an ongoing basis. State reporting, grant applications, purchase orders, review of cash flow (bills and transfers), insurance, fees, guidelines, residential waste, land development including variances and waivers. There are fire hydrant problems, lawn and road maintenance, noise issues and broken this or that. While much of the up-front work is done from the Township office, the Supervisors are kept informed with regular communications from the Township Manager or Administrators.

When I stepped in the door, I was also confronted with the looming issue of pool repair or replacement. I was pro-

vided with surveys, reports, and an evaluation study to assist in deciding within the following month. Now that the decision has been made and construction is ongoing, we review the progress and address any issues being encountered at our regular meetings. Daily updates are provided to the Public Works Director and Township Manager.

Another open issue was filling the position of Recreation Director. The Supervisors were involved in the process of interview and selection.

I was also selected to be a Township representative to the CoG (Northampton Council of Governments). The CoG was formed to provide a link for communications and information between the county municipalities as well as service providers, non-profit organizations, and others with business interests.

Lastly, I became a member of PSATS (PA State Association of Township Supervisors). The organization has a wealth of knowledge in all aspects of Township and provides Workshops, Webinars and other forms of training to its members. I attended a Supervisor's Boot camp earlier this year that provided an understanding of the everyday tasks to run a municipality. It also explored the tools and resources available. The recently held PSATS Convention was beneficial by providing more in-depth training sessions while having the ability to learn from Municipalities from all over the State. There was an amazing cross section of Townships with population of as low as 600 to those over 25,000. Rural to suburbia. It's interesting to get insight from areas where their basic issue is tree maintenance.

To sum it all up – a lot has been thrown my way in these early months. I will continue to learn and make use of the tools that are available to me. I welcome your comments. Have a great summer!

## TOWNSHIP ROADSIDE TREE TRIMMING

As years pass changes take place and we may or may not take notice of the small things. One of the things we lose sight of is the maturity of trees located roadside, perhaps in the Township right-of-way. These trees can cause issues such as limbs hanging into the roadway, or impairing sight distance when navigating intersections.

When covered with snow & ice, or wet, branches will hang lower causing them to hit vehicles, or vehicles will need to drive around them, perhaps pulling into oncoming traffic. Hanging branches can cause significant damage to vehicles, particularly to roofs, antennas, and mirrors.

When time permits, the public works crew will trim trees in the right-of-way. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the trees on their property.

## Hanover's Greatest Asset

by Jay Finnigan

People often ask what brings residents and business to Hanover Township.

- ❖ Is it proximity to New York and Philadelphia?
- ❖ Is it the two great public elementary schools?
- ❖ Is it a consistent tax rate?
- ❖ Is it proximity to higher education?
- ❖ Is it access to the world via an international airport?
- ❖ Is it public safety, both career and volunteer?

As Supervisor Check points out in this edition, he made 'it a point to meet all the township personnel and support staff' in the first few months of his term in office. I believe one of Hanover's greatest asset, in my opinion, is the Township personnel who provide dedicated service to Hanover 24/7/365.

Whether it is the public works department staff who maintain our roads and public properties, or the office staff who ensure the Township Codes, Municipalities Planning Code or 2nd Class Township Code is enforce daily, these individuals are a great asset or perhaps our greatest asset. We are also the recipients of a great Community Center and recreation staff.

You will note in 'What do I receive for my Tax Dollars' article in this edition of the Hanoverview that it lists the numerous functions of the public works, administration and zoning departments which collectively make Hanover a Great Place to Live, Work and Play.

What I've found most satisfying in my years as Township Manager is the fact that our residents and business community appreciate the Township staff. When I attend meetings of the Lehigh Valley Municipal Mangers Association, my peers are astonished that residents and businesses often drop off treats and meals for the staff.

So I tip my hat, and send a huge Thank You to our greatest asset!



*Building and Zoning Department*



*Office Staff*



*Public Works Department*





## Supervisor Information

by Susan A. Lawless, Esq.

### OUR FIRE AND EMS TEAM: A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



Those of us who reside here know, Hanover Township is a first-class community in which to reside, work and play. Technically, as a matter of statutory law, though, the Township is a Second-Class Township, per 53 P.S. Ch. 141. Those rights and obligations delegated from the State to the local, Township level are embodied in that legislation. One

of the many obligations of the Township, pursuant thereto, is to provide for the health and safety of the Township's residents. The Township is serviced by a professional police department, the Colonial Regional Police. The Township's portion of the overall Colonial Regional budget is projected to be \$2,398,740.9 in 2023. Lower Nazareth Township is also serviced by Colonial Regional and, accordingly, also funds a portion of the police department's budget.

The Township satisfies other of its primary health and safety obligations, fire and emergency medical services or EMS, through a true public-private partnership. The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company affords fire response coverage every day, each day of the year to the Township's residents and businesses with an all-volunteer department. EMS, which was once also staffed exclusively by volunteers, employs paid Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to ensure timely, professional and compassionate service to the Township. EMS is part and parcel of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department and still provides some of its services via volunteers. The department provides services to the residents and businesses within our Township outside of times of crisis. It is known for using its fire equipment to provide cooling fun during the sweltering summer heat. Another Township tradition, Santa's ride through all of the Township's neighborhoods on a fire truck fills residents of all ages with the holiday spirit every year in December. The department is also ever present at all large, recreational events held in the Township.

The department delivers its vital service at a time when volunteer numbers are low and waning nationwide. In an effort to recognize the vital service provided by our volunteers and encourage an increase in their numbers, the Board of Supervisors, at its first meeting in May, advertised an ordinance providing a tax break for residents serving in the department. The real estate tax credit proposed would be limited to 20 percent of the municipal real estate tax liability for residential real property owned and occupied as the domicile of an active volunteer. It is anticipated that such

tax credit would be issued as a rebate after the resident volunteer has paid the residential property tax. The maximum percentage permissible by State law is twenty percent (20%). Neighboring Lehigh County has just enacted a similar tax credit for volunteers serving within that County. It is hoped that Northampton County will also implement a tax credit to recognize and encourage volunteer service.

The annual budget of the department is just over \$900,000. EMS generates \$600,000 in revenue from ambulance service billing, primarily from billing patients' insurance carriers, and in 2023 the Township has budgeted to provide the department \$168,000 from the Township's general fund. A portion of the budget each year is offset from grants available from State coffers. Such grants generally do not exceed \$25,000, however, and the funds, when received, must be specifically dedicated to designated types of projects or equipment. A very quick math calculation reveals that the department is not fully funded from tax transfers.

Some revenue is generated from transport and transfers by ambulance. Residents of the Township are never balance billed for the amount beyond the amount of his or her insurance coverage, if any, for EMS services provided. That is, in part, because each property owner in the Township paying real property tax pays ".5 mills" as a dedicated Fire Tax. The mill rate is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. The mill rate is based on that is used to calculate the amount of property tax. It is a figure that represents the amount per \$1,000 of assessed value of the property. This fund is restricted to the purchase of Fire and EMS vehicles, ambulances, pumpers, and response vehicles. In fact, the Township is expecting delivery of a new pumper truck this year at a cost of about \$900,000.00, per the accepted bid. That sum will come from this dedicated fund.

This fund has also been used to not only purchase new ambulances but also to refurbish them by affixing a body/cab having remaining useable life to a new chassis to extend the life of such highly specialized vehicles. The fund does not, however, pay for regular maintenance such as new tires and vehicle repairs. Our EMS team has just begun a partnership with Lehigh Valley Health System and St. Luke's Health Network to transport patients to and from hospital and medical facilities in non-emergency situations. If you or a family member needs such service, please be sure to speak to the case manager and ask for Hanover Township transport. A very small portion of fire response calls to vehicular incidents can result in reimbursement from auto insurance, but such reimbursement opportunities are not significant.

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# Hanover Township Community Center Updates



## A Few Words Our New Recreation Director

I'd like to start by thanking our Township Manager, Board of Supervisors, staff and community members for such a warm welcome. The past three months of employment here at the Hanover Township Community Center have been an absolute pleasure and I could not be more excited as I get settled in.



**Dante Terenzio**  
Recreation Director

So far, I've experienced events such as Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, the HTCC Golf and Pickleball Tournaments, the Hanover Township Carnival, Arbor Day, and the highly popular BINGO nights.

Not stopping there, the Community Center has an abundance of daily programs offered to its residents, many of whom I've had the luxury of meeting. Our staff and instructors strive to put out a good product in all we do, and will continue to look for ways to improve upon these already outstanding programs.

While each activity differs in many ways, one fact remains constant: The Hanover residents and members are devoted to their community, and to our Center. After speaking with dozens – if not hundreds – of Hanover residents, I truly believe we have all the support we need to make our programs bigger and better in the future.

I'm most excited to get our Kids Summer Camp up and running. My background in coaching and leading teenagers will come in handy right away, as all of our counselors are either high school or college aged. These counselors have been working hard to learn the structure of each of the six weeks of our Summer Camp, which is offered to kids ages 6-12. Please note that it's not too late to register your kid for Summer Camp or our Parks Program thereafter.

For now, I'd like to invite you down to the Community Center and allow me to introduce myself. I'm always open to hearing from our residents and new ideas. Enjoy your summer!

## HTCC Spring/Summer Programming

**Recreation — Youth and Adult Martial Arts, Summer Camp (ages 6-12), Parks Program (ages 7-12)**

**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](http://hanovercommunitycenter.com) for more information or to register for Recreation 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.**



## Preschool Updates

HTCC Preschool are currently enjoying their spring semester learning about nature, and a live caterpillar study. Both preschool and pre-k are observing the butterfly life. As the weeks progress, check out our information board for observations and photos of our insects.

We are looking forward to our end of year/graduation party in June and taking the opportunity to say goodbye to our friends moving on to kindergarten, and celebrating friendships made.

I would like to thank our wonderful preschool team; our teachers are wonderful caring and hardworking individuals that make our environment such a wonderful place to learn and thrive. In addition, I would like to thank our families for choosing to support our HTCC preschool and am thankful to each of you for making our first year back so successful.

HTCC preschool students and summer staff are looking forward to enjoying our fun summer semester, and have many fun activities planned during the ten weeks such as art, garden, and music.

HTCC preschool are currently looking for additional summer teacher and volunteers, please reach out to Lisa via email for more information. Our summer semester classes are full, and currently have a waitlist for ages 3-5.

Enrollment is currently available for September 2023 and plan to have an open house on June 17, 2023, at 11am for interested families to come and tour our wonderful classrooms, and chat with our director.

For any questions, please reach out to Lisa Outcalt, our preschool director:

[PreschoolDirector@hanoverwp-cc.org](mailto:PreschoolDirector@hanoverwp-cc.org)

We wish you a happy and safe summer, and look forward to another fantastic academic year.

Best Wishes, Lisa Outcalt



**Lisa Outcalt**  
Preschool Director



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## HTCC Updates!

**2023 Summer Camps are filling up! Camp begins June 12 and will run until July 21. All day and half day options are still available. Before and after care is also available at no additional cost.**

**Parks Program will begin on July 31 and run through August 18.**

### Coming in 2023

**Summer 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at HTCC!**

**2023 Disc Golf Tournament**

**2023 Volleyball Tournament**

**Dates and registration TBA!**

### HTCC BINGO

**Community Bingo** continues monthly (excluding July). It is held the first Thursday of each month. The meeting room is reserved for this event. Food and snacks are always available.

Games start at 6 pm - \$25 for 20 games Prizes range from \$40 to \$125!

Thank you Special Event Sponsors:



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## Fund Raisers

### Pickleball Tournament

Hanover Township's very first Pickleball tournament, *PickleMania*, was held on May 20 at the Community Center. Nearly 50 players, most of whom reside in Hanover, took the courts in two divisions — Intermediate and Advanced. Check out the next edition of Hanoverview to see who was victorious! Thank you to our sponsors! **T-shirts:** FYI Graphics; **Breakfast:** CarePatrol



### Golf Tournament

The Second Annual Hanover Township Community Center Golf Tournament, held on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Whitetail Golf Club, was a huge success. A total of 70 golfers competed. Thank you to all who supported the event, including our wonderful sponsors - **Gold Sponsors:** Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P.; Brown & Brown, Inc.; Deluxe Plumbing; Hanover Engineering Assoc. Inc.; J.G. Petrucci Co., Inc.; Penn Community Bank; Randy Roberts Insurance Agency Inc.; Tanczos Beverage Inc.; **Tee/Green Sponsors:** Bethlehem Soccer Club; Connell Funeral Home Inc.; Faulkner Cadillac; Faulkner Subaru; Lehigh Valley IronPigs; Kingston Oral Surgery; **On-Course Sponsors:** Fast Lane Towing & Transport, Inc.; Andrew T. Pagano, D.M.D.; **Raffle Sponsor:** Bat-Caddy; **Signage Sponsor:** Banko Beverage; **Breakfast Sponsor:** 3 Men & A Bagel



## Special Events 2023

*August 1 — National Night Out*

*October 7 — Fall Fest*

*December 1 — Tree Lighting*

*December 9 — Breakfast with Santa (registration will be required)*



## MILITE REMEMBERED

by Dana Grube

Hanover Township officials and residents held a celebration of life for long time public works employee and supervisor Vincent Milite at the Township's community center on January 21st. Milite had passed away on January 10th after a lengthy bout with cancer. Over 200 people were in attendance to recall "a life well lived."

Township manager Jay Finnigan said, "We are judge by our quality of life and Vince packed a lot of quality into his 58 years."

Milite's father Emil said, "It's hard to speak about someone you loved for 58 years in only a few minutes .... and there's a special bond with your first born."

His daughters and step daughter, Kaitlyn Moretz, Allison Milite and Rebecca Salabsky, said they were known as "Vince's daughters" and recalled that he was "fearless" and that the first word he could think of was "love."

Co-workers Marty Limpar, Jeremy Bucko and Dave Savage, and friend Dave Keim recalled a number of pranks initiated by Milite, and Bucko perhaps summarized all of their feelings by saying, "I am truly grateful that Vince was a big part of my life."

Former township supervisor Joan Rosenthal recalled Milite's kindness, and current township supervisor Mike Prendeville called him a "terrific example of grit, grace and humility."

In closing, Finnigan urged those attending, on behalf of Milite's wife Tricia and his family, to apply several principals from the Greek word 'Philotimo' (friend and honor) to honor Milite's memory: "take pride in what you do and do the right thing because your behaviors are a reflection of self, family, community and country."

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## Hanover Township Hires Recreation Director



Hanover Township is excited to announce the hiring of Recreation Director, Dante Terenzio, who began in his new role in early March.

Terenzio, 37, brings a wealth of experience and passion from several facets of athletics over the past two decades.

At 18 years of age, Terenzio began as a sports writer for *The Scranton Times-Tribune*. For four years, he covered a number of professional, collegiate, high school and youth sports.

Terenzio then went on to upstart a high school sports website — Varsity570.com. For the next four years, Terenzio served as web producer of Varsity570, which enables high school athletes to provide in-depth statistics to college coaches.

From 2014-2022, Terenzio reported high school and collegiate sports for *The Morning Call*. Most recently and prior to his return to the Lehigh Valley in March, Terenzio was the Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Review* — Bradford County's top publication.

Perhaps Terenzio's biggest passion is coaching and training high school wrestlers and tennis players. As a varsity head wrestling coach at Western Wayne High School (Wayne County) and most recently Freedom, Terenzio compiled more than 200 dual meet victories in 14 years.

Terenzio coached five district championship teams and qualified numerous individuals for the state tournament. For his efforts, Terenzio was named the PIAA District 2 Coach of the Year three times and *The Scranton Times-Tribune* Coach of the Year for wrestling (2010) and boys tennis (2016).

Terenzio currently resides in Bethlehem Township, but does have ties to Hanover Township. His wife, Lindsay, grew up in Hanover, where she and her two younger sisters swam for the Stingrays. Away from work, Terenzio spends his time with his wife and their two fun-loving sons. Terenzio tries to remain competitive on the tennis court and carries a 4.5

## Pennsylvania's Move Over Law

**Drivers approaching an emergency response area must safely move over or slow down.**





## POOL UPDATE

*by Michael Prendeville*



We are pleased to announce that our community's new pool is currently under construction! The old pool has been removed to make way for the new one, and grouting is currently underway to ensure a smooth and stable foundation. As many of

you may know, our township sits on karst soil, which can pose unique challenges when it comes to construction. Karst soil is characterized by the presence of limestone and other soluble rocks that can lead to sinkholes and other geological hazards. Grouting involves injecting a cementitious material into the soil to fill any gaps or voids and improve the stability of the ground.

We know how important having a great pool is to our community, and we are confident that the new pool will be a wonderful addition to our township. The new pool will be about the same size, more modern, and will feature a variety of new amenities that we're sure everyone will love.

As the construction progresses with a scheduled November '23 completion date, we will be sure to keep you updated on any new developments. There is a link to the pool construction timeline on the Hanover home page. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time, and we look forward to unveiling the finished product for the 2024 season.





**Supervisor Information** *continued from page 6*

The remaining portion of the budget needed to ensure that Fire and EMS services are available when needed is accomplished again through another form of public-private partnership. In addition to the demands of staffing the department, its members engage in fundraising each year. By the time this article is received, the department will have just finished its sale of pizza kits. The department hosted a new event this year, an Easter bunny event which was well attended and a success.

The annual drive by mail should have already arrived or will arrive about the same time that this newsletter appears in your mailbox. This is one of the most important drives of the year and a key to closing the department's predicted budget gap. Some residents may still not know that Santa's ride on a Saturday in December every year is also an important year-end fundraiser for the department. You now know that it is another opportunity for residents to show their appreciation to our first responders by greeting Santa's helpers with a donation. Be generous when you can, be involved if you can and thank a volunteer whenever you get the opportunity to do so.

**YARD WASTE  
INFORMATION REMINDER**

The pickup will start in the northern most part of each sector on MONDAY (unless noted on the schedule available at [www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)) and proceed southerly. Yard waste must be curbside NO LATER than 7:00 a.m. on the dates noted on the schedule. The yard waste truck will make only **one pass** through each sector during the week identified. ***This does not mean the entire sector will be picked up on Monday. Collection starts on Monday and proceeds southerly.***

Material must be placed curbside either in the 92-gallon Township container, other rigid container or YARD WASTE BAGS available at most hardware or building material stores. Containers and/or bags, other than the 92-gallon barrels provided by the Township **must weigh less than 70 lbs.** Yard waste placed in plastic bags **will not** be collected.



## EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director



### 1st Quarter EMS Call Statistics for 2023

Medical Emergencies .....	611
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	36
Fire Support .....	16
<b>Total calls for the quarter ...</b>	<b>.663</b>



### NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS

We are excited to announce we are now doing non-emergency BLS transport. We have partnered with Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's Health Network. A non-emergency BLS transport is transporting a patient from a hospital to hospital, hospital to another medical facility, or back to the patient's residence. If a patient must come home on a stretcher because of a medical condition and meets the medical requirements for a BLS non-emergency transport, you can have your hospital caseworker request Hanover Township EMS. If our crew is available, we will be happy to transport you or your loved one home. Transport costs are generally covered by your insurance. If you have additional questions, please contact me via email at [kpeters@htvfc.org](mailto:kpeters@htvfc.org).

### THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN HEALTH-CARE OR WANT TO HELP PEOPLE?

Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a great way to get involved in the healthcare profession and now the demand for EMT's is at an all-time high. EMTs can advance their training to become a paramedic, nurse, or other healthcare professionals.

EMTs are trained to perform general patient assessments and provide emergency care to the sick and injured.

High School students can enroll in Northampton Community College dual enrollment program to take the EMT course. You can earn transferable college credits towards a future degree while in high school. Visit [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu) and click on dual enrollment.

### HOW TO BECOME AN EMT

You must be at least 16 years old. Course information can be found at [www.northampton.edu/ems](http://www.northampton.edu/ems). There are day, evening and summer classes available.

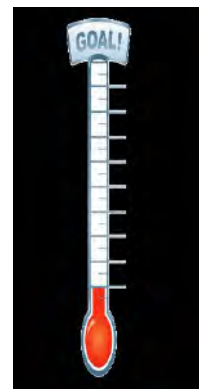
If you join our Company as a volunteer the EMT course is FREE OF CHARGE.

Stop by our station or contact [kpeters@htvfc.org](mailto:kpeters@htvfc.org) to learn more about this rewarding and exciting opportunity.



### FIRE COMPANY NEWS FUND DRIVE

Our Annual Fund Drive letter was mailed out in May. We depend on your gracious donations to help us support our great Company throughout the year. Your donations help us purchase equipment, maintain our vehicles, and pay our insurance premiums and other costs associated with the operations of our Fire Company. We need your help so we can be there when you need our help.



### JOE CORBI

Thank you to those of you who ordered from our Joe Corbi fundraiser. We are always looking for ways to raise money to help offset our costs. In the fall we will be doing another fundraiser for Mr. Pastie.



### 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, and EMS. All required training and equipment are 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, or stop by during Monday Night Training at 7:00 pm.

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

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## FIRE COMPANY NEWS

by Scott VanWhy, Fire Chief

### BURNING ORDINANCE

I have reviewed this topic before with you, but it remains important to reeducate you of our Township ordinances. Now that the weather is getting warmer and you are itching to get out of the house and spend time outside, I would like to review the Township's burning ordinance with you. While sitting around a campfire is fun and relaxing it can also be dangerous. For example, if the weather has been dry and/or low humidity, that will cause brush and grass to dry out, making it easy to ignite and will make a fire spread rapidly. Wind is another factor you must consider when thinking about having a campfire ... If there are high winds you should not be burning; as it is extremely easy for the fire to get out of control in just a few seconds. If these conditions are present, most of the time you will see advisories on Township Signs, email blasts, Township Website and the Official Township Facebook page. Please heed the warnings that are given and be mindful to prevent the threat of a fire spread. Read the ordinance below and make yourself familiar if you plan to have campfires.



#### § 58-3UNLAWFUL ACTS.

Except as hereinafter provided, no person, firm, corporation, business entity, industry or other association shall cause, allow, permit, conduct or maintain outdoor or open burning of any kind, including the burning of any solid waste, recyclable materials, and leaf waste, as defined in Act 101, known as "the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988," as same may be amended from time to time.

#### § 58-4EXCEPTIONS.

All fires conducted under the provisions of this Section shall be constantly attended by an adult, 18 years of age or older, until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, including but not limited to dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

- A.** A fire set to prevent or abate a fire hazard.
- B.** Burning shall be permitted for the purpose of instructing personnel in fire-fighting and for exhibitions. Such activity shall meet current National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) standards for this type of activity.

- C.** A fire set for the prevention and control of disease or pests as authorized by the Board of Supervisors of the Township.
- D.** Farming. Following proper written notification, in advance, to the Township Manager or his designate, open burning shall be permitted in conjunction with the production of agricultural commodities in their unmanufactured state on the property of a farm operation.
- E.** Cooking. Burning of coals or small, contained fires for the purpose of cooking or preparing food for human consumption is permitted when:
  - (1) The cooking unit is located no less than 15 feet from any combustible materials;
  - (2) Cooking units are not located on balconies or porches of apartment units exceeding one story above ground level; and
  - (3) Such activity is conducted in a safe manner and is not prohibited by any other Township or state regulation or statute.
- F.** Recreational. Following proper written notification, in advance, to the Township Manager or his designate, burning shall be permitted for recreational and ceremonial purposes, (i.e., bonfires and camp fires) if such burning is conducted in a safe manner in a place where open fires are otherwise permitted and such burning is under the direct supervision of an adult until such burning is completely extinguished. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 30 feet of a structure or combustible material, nor shall the pile size exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height. The use of burn barrels is not considered a recreational fire.
- G.** Use of chimneys or outdoor tables with fire pits shall be permitted, provided that they are used exclusively for their intended purpose and comply with the following:
  - (1) Only nontreated wood products may be burned;
  - (2) All containers shall have a screen cover on all openings and shall have openings not larger than one-inch square to prevent flying ashes; and
  - (3) All containers shall be located a minimum of 15 feet from any building or structure.
- H.** Outdoor fireplaces and outdoor fuel burning appliances built pursuant to a zoning and/or building permit shall be permitted if such burning is conducted in a safe manner complying with all applicable Township or state regulations, restrictions and ordinances.

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**§ 58-5HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS.**

- A.** Suspensions. Except for cooking, as set forth in § 58-4, no outdoor burning shall be permitted during any period of fire weather advisory, strong winds, drought, or weather inversion (i.e., hazardous air quality conditions) or during/in any other situation deemed hazardous or objectionable by the Township Manager, his designate or a law enforcement officer.
- B.** Cancellations. If such hazardous or objectionable conditions develop during a day when burning is being conducted, existing permits may be canceled by the Township Manager, or his designate, or a law enforcement officer. Upon notification that hazardous conditions have developed and all burning is to be canceled, residents conducting burning shall, immediately following such notification, fully extinguish all active fires, including embers thereof.
- C.** Extinguishing fires. If the Township Manager, his designate, or a law enforcement officer determines any burning is in violation of this chapter, or to be hazardous to the health or welfare of the Township residents, the person(s) conducting the burning shall, upon notification, fully extinguish all active fires, including embers thereof.

**§ 58-6STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN COMBUSTIBLES.**

- A.** Storage. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other association to store or deposit ashes, smoldering coals or embers, grease or oil substances, or other matter liable to spontaneous combustion, within 10 feet of any wooden or plastered wall, partition, fence, floor, lumber, hay or straw, shavings, rubbish or other combustible material, except in metallic or other noncombustible receptacles. Such receptacle, unless resting on the ground outside the building, must be placed on a noncombustible surface and in every case must be kept at least two feet from any wall or partition.
- B.** Disposal. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other association making, using, storing or having charge or control of any trash, garbage, shavings, excelsior, rubbish, sacks, bags, litter, hay, straw or other combustible material, to fail, neglect or refuse at the close of each day to cause all such material to be removed from the premises or to be stored in a noncombustible receptacle as described above.
- C.** Exception. This provision shall not apply to the storing of hay, straw, fodder and other materials, including the normal homeowner clean-up and temporary storage of yard waste, when such materials are

stored in a safe and appropriate manner away from any source of ignition, or pursuant to a farming operation when such materials are stored in structures especially intended for such storage (e.g., barns, etc.)

**§ 58-7VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

- A.** Any person, firm or corporation, or the plural thereof, who shall violate any of the terms or provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction thereof in District Court, be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 and the costs of prosecution for each offense. In default of payment of any fine or penalty imposed by a Magisterial District Justice under the provisions of this chapter, the person or persons may be committed to the county correctional facility for a period not exceeding 30 days.
- B.** Each day a violation of this chapter is committed shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.
- C.** This section shall not preclude the Township from any other remedy it may have at law or equity.

**§ 58-8LIABILITY.**

The Township and its agents, officials and representatives shall not, under any circumstances, be liable or responsible for damages caused to any person or property by reason of the provisions of this chapter or by reason of conduct of any burning activity in compliance with the terms and provisions of this chapter. The individual person or party responsible for any such fire shall bear sole liability for any damages caused as a result thereof.

**Going on Vacation?**

If you would like the Colonial Regional Police Department to periodically check on your house while you are on vacation, register at [www.colonialregionalpd.org](http://www.colonialregionalpd.org).

Click on the "vacation check form" box, located at the lower right hand side of the web page, and fill in the requested information. In addition to knowing when you will be away, the police will also have contact information in case of an emergency or incident.





## Mental Health Awareness Month

by State Representative Joe Emerick



May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which provides us with the opportunity to educate people about mental illness, fight the stigma surrounding it and provide support for those suffering with it.

This year, the National Alliance for Mental Illness' (NAMI) theme for Mental Health Awareness Month is #MoreThanEnoughCampaign.

The purpose of this campaign is for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold.

It is important to note that mental illness is not a sign of personal failure or weakness. Like physical sicknesses, mental illnesses are medical conditions that can affect anyone and that can be treated with the appropriate care and support. Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness, and we should encourage everyone who may suffer from mental health issues to get the care they need.

According to NAMI, one in five U.S. adults experience mental illness each year, with less than half receiving treatment. This means that many of us, or people close to us are likely struggling with mental illness. This was exacerbated by the pandemic, with millions unable to access needed care during that time and with significant increases in drug and alcohol use for both adults and youth. Additionally, according to the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth lags behind the national average of health care providers per capita, with 53 of our 67 counties behind even the state average.

Throughout the budget process, we have advocated for funding for mental health services to address these issues and will continue to do so to ensure that Pennsylvanians can live happy, healthy lives.

Although mental illness affects us all differently and each condition has its own unique set of symptoms, some common warning signs of mental illness include:

- Excessive anxiety.
- Extended periods of sadness and a lack of motivation.
- Difficulty concentrating or learning.
- Extreme mood changes.
- Avoiding social contact.
- Changes in sleeping and eating habits.
- Substance abuse.
- Hallucinations or delusions.

This May, I hope that you will join me in raising awareness for mental health and letting the people important to us know that they are more than enough. For more information on Mental Health Awareness Month and what you can do to raise awareness, please visit NAMI's website:

<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please call or text 988 to reach the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Support Hotline or visit the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Mental-Health-In-PA/Pages/default.aspx> for a list of resources including additional information, crisis hotlines, online counseling and more.



## NO need for *SPEED* in Hanover

The Township continues to receive a large number of complaints from residents who are concerned with drivers speeding, not only on major and secondary roads in the Township but also in our residential neighborhoods. The speed limit on local roads in residential neighborhoods is 25 miles per hour; with nice weather approaching and the expected seasonal increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the roads, safe driving should be foremost in all motorists' minds.

As you drive around the Township you'll notice *Speed Boards* have been installed. These are a visual reminder to motorists as to the speed they are traveling and are positive or negative reinforcement as to their driving behavior.

National Night Out will be held at Hanover Township's Municipal Complex on Tuesday, August 1st from 6-9 p.m. You are invited to meet with members of the Colonial Regional Police and the Township Crime Watch who will be on hand with games and prizes for the kids. Rain or shine, there will be free hot dogs, ice cream and birch beer. Look for flyers during the summer for further information. If interested in helping out with the program, please contact the Community Center @ 610.317.8701.



## OPEN SPACE *by Lamont McClure, County Executive*

As County Executive, I recognize the importance of protecting Northampton County's natural environment and open space network and its profound impact on our social, economic, and recreational activities.

The best way to fight nonstop warehouse proliferation is to ensure that our open space is preserved and protected. The Northampton County Livable Landscapes Grant Program does just that. The grant program aims to assist municipalities and organizations in acquiring, restoring, and enhancing permanently protected lands, conserving natural resources, providing municipal park acquisition, development and rehabilitation



projects, trails and greenway development, open space planning efforts, and providing outdoor recreation for future generations.

Since 2006, Northampton County awarded more than \$19 million in Livable Landscapes Grant Program funding for local and regional park improvements, recreation, land conservation, and trail projects.

I was pleased that Hanover Township applied for a 2023 Livable Landscape Grant that would install Best Management Practices (BMPs) at the Community Center's Pool Complex. The proposed project would convert a section of the lawn to plant pollinator gardens, use native plant species for landscaping, manage stormwater runoff, reduce sedimentation and other pollutants to maintain water quality, and manage stormwater infiltration of the pool facility.

The value of this project is vital to our families as we enjoy close to home recreation and connect with nature. The next step for this project is to be approved by County Council. I hope that Council approves and sees the overall health and wellness benefits for our residents.

## Arbor Day Celebration at the Community Center on April 29

Many residents dashed among the raindrops on Saturday, April 29, to enjoy family-friendly and educational activities in the Community Center lobby after the Tree Planting ceremony at the Township Building grounds. The Shade Tree Advisory Board members planned this event in their final step to apply for Tree City USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation. Over 3400 cities and towns are committed to planting and nurturing trees, and Hanover Township will soon add to that number.

The day began with the commemorative planting of a tree in honor of Vince Milite (1964 – 2023), the Township's Director of Public Works since 2009. Vince's family and friends attended and helped put soil around the tree. Supervisor John Diacogiannis expressed his thanks for all that Vince had done to make Hanover Township a beautiful place to live through his decades of dedicated service. Vince was a mentor to many and will be missed by all who worked with him, from his days as a lifeguard at the Hanover Pool up until his last days in the office in January. The tree planted in his honor will remind us of his legacy. Thanks to Public Works Director Marty Limpar for choosing and preparing the planting site.



Our Arbor Day event included handouts about best tree-planting practices, which trees are best for different areas of a property, and helpful information from Palmer Nursery and Wildlands Conservancy. Kids of all ages enjoyed coloring and sticker fun on activity sheets geared toward tree facts and fun. Sunflower seeds planted in paper cups went home with most of the children, to be planted at home as reminders of the day. An American Sycamore was given away in a free raffle, and cupcakes topped with an edible leaf were fun treats to eat. Three children's books were also given away as part of the free raffle.

Next year's event will be even bigger, and we hope to include tree seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation as a give-away to those who attend. The many benefits of trees include slowing climate change, cleaning our air and water, and improving our mental health and physical well-being. Property values of houses with healthy, beautiful trees are even increased! This first Arbor Day event helped the Township celebrate trees in a fun and meaningful way.



**Additional information is in the online Township newsletter.**



## WHAT DO I RECEIVE FOR MY TAX DOLLARS?

*Below are just some of the services provided for your township tax dollars:*

### Public Works Road Responsibilities

- ❖ Winter road maintenance and materials
- ❖ Yard waste collection
- ❖ Road maintenance-crack sealing, asphalt repairs and materials
- ❖ Storm sewer inlet maintenance
- ❖ Street sweeping
- ❖ Leaf collection & tree trimming
- ❖ Asphalt paving overlays and materials
- ❖ Street and traffic sign materials, maintenance and replacement
- ❖ Annual traffic line striping and all intersection markings
- ❖ Township-owned building maintenance
- ❖ Traffic light installations & maintenance
- ❖ Vehicle & equipment maintenance

### Administration

- ❖ The administration, supervision and control of all township activities to provide the efficient operation of all township services

### Zoning & Code Department

- ❖ Licensing of contractors and other businesses
- ❖ Building codes and zoning ordinance enforcement
- ❖ Building and zoning permit applications
- ❖ Building, site, and property use plan reviews
- ❖ Building inspection
- ❖ Nuisance complaints
- ❖ Property maintenance enforcement
- ❖ Property records and plans management
- ❖ Administration of construction and zoning appeals

### Public Works Park Responsibilities

- ❖ Maintenance of 13 community parks
- ❖ Maintenance of 7 tot-lot playgrounds
- ❖ Maintenance of 11 baseball / softball / soccer / lacrosse fields
- ❖ Maintenance of 8 detention basins & berms
- ❖ Maintenance of 1 major swale
- ❖ Maintenance of 3 pavilions (1 rental)
- ❖ Maintenance of three park / pool bathroom facilities
- ❖ Snow removal for municipal buildings and parking lots & public sidewalks
- ❖ Three firefighters
- ❖ Dog Park upkeep

### Recreation Programs

- ❖ Subsidizing the operation and maintenance of the Community Center
- ❖ Subsidizing the operation and maintenance of the Hanover Township municipal pool
- ❖ Subsidizing the summer playground program

### Colonial Regional Police Department

- ❖ Funding 52.0% of the CRPD Budget
- ❖ 24 hour, 7 day a week police protection and services to include:
  - ✦ Canine support
  - ✦ Investigative operations
  - ✦ Emergency response team training and operations
  - ✦ Truck safety and weight inspections
  - ✦ Public awareness and safety programs
  - ✦ Participation in drug task force
  - ✦ Bike patrols
  - ✦ DARE & Kids Cards
  - ✦ DUI Checkpoints
  - ✦ Citizens Police Academy

### Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

- ❖ Subsidizing the 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 fire services and protection
- ❖ Subsidizing the 24 hour, 7 day a week, 365 ambulance service including BLS & ALS
- ❖ Purchase of all emergency vehicles (.5 Fire Tax)

### Emergency Management

- ❖ Emergency management staff recognized as the best in class in Northampton County
- ❖ Emergency Management Director, one Deputy Director and one staff member
- ❖ Up to date Emergency Operations Plan
- ❖ Aggressive Outreach Program – large residential facilities
- ❖ Three Nationally Certified Emergency Managers

## STAY INFORMED

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Our website, [www.hanovertpw-nc.org](http://www.hanovertpw-nc.org), keeps residents informed on programs and events in the Township. The home page contains important announcements such as meeting cancellations and informative public announcements. Agenda, meeting minutes, pending, and recently adopted ordinances can be located on the Administration page. In addition, zoning applications, open record requests and other Township forms can be located on the various pages. In addition to our website, residents can stay informed through our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/HanoverTownship](https://www.facebook.com/HanoverTownship).

If you want to find out information concerning our vibrant community center check their website at: <https://hanovercommunitycenter.com>.

## HOW HANOVER TOWNSHIP TAXES COMPARES WITH OTHERS

Sometimes it is important to compare what we as residents in Hanover Township receive in comparison to other municipalities that either are abutting to us or are similar to us in Northampton County either in size or in services pro-

vided. This information is presented so that residents in the Township have an understanding as to how their tax dollars are used and how we compare to those in our immediate area.

ASSESSED VALUE		PALMER (2nd Class Township)	BUSHKILL (2nd Class Township)	BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP (1st Class Township)	FORKS (2nd Class Township)	EAST ALLEN (2nd Class Township)	LOWER NAZARETH (2nd Class Township)	HANOVER (2nd Class Township)
	NOTES	1,2	2	3	2	3,4,5	3	1,2,6
↓	2023 → MILAGE RATE	8.25	7.50	7.74	7.50	6.50	4.50	3.90
\$150,000		1,237.50	1,125.00	1,161.00	1,125.00	975.50	675.00	585.00
\$100,000		825.00	750.00	740.00	750.00	650.00	450.00	390.00
\$50,000		412.5	375.00	370.00	375.00	3,250	225.00	195.00

Notes: (1) Hanover's Fire Tax is .5; Palmer Fire tax .065 (2) These Townships contract and bill for refuse & recycling; (3) These Townships the resident contract for their own refuse & recycling;  
(4) State Police protection; (5) East Allen's Fire Tax is 1.0; (6) 16th consecutive year without a tax increase.

### HANOVER TOWNSHIP'S FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Hanover Township has adopted an ordinance which strictly prohibits the use of fireworks except on certain days and times.

**Ordinance 2021-5 which is now § 82-11 of the Codified Ordinances of Hanover Township Reads: Consumer fireworks conditions of use.**

- A. A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.
- B. Dates and times of use. [Amended 8-24-2021 by Ord. No. 21-5]
  - (1) Consumer fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged in the Township, except during the following dates and times:
    - (a) Memorial Day, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
    - (b) July 3, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
    - (c) July 4, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
    - (d) July 5, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
    - (e) Labor Day, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
    - (f) December 31, 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
    - (g) January 1, 12:00 midnight to 12:30 a.m.
    - (h) January 1, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - (2) The use of consumer fireworks is strictly prohibited at all other times.

**Please respect your neighbors' and their pets by adhering to this ordinance. Thank you!**

### TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ATTEND ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Supervisors John Diacogiannis and Barry Check, Public Works Director Marty Limpar, Treasurer Beth Bucko, Secretary Christina Thomas, Zoning Officer Yvonne Kutz, Permit Coordinator Tracy Lussier and Township manager Jay Finnigan attended the 100th Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors April 23rd – 26th at the Hershey Lodge.

Over 3,500 township officials, exhibitors and guests participated in the four-day event.

The purpose of the annual convention is to provide township officials with information to help them better serve their constituents and to give them an opportunity to exchange ideas on important local government issues.

During the convention's business session, delegates adopted resolutions establishing the official policy of the state association. These resolutions will serve as guidelines for the association in pursuing legislation and regulations favorable to townships.

Pennsylvania's 1,455 township's of the second class represent more than one-third of the state's population and make up the largest of the four types of municipal government in commonwealth.



## SCHOOL NEWS

**ASA PACKER** • *by the Asa Packer PTA*

Spring has finally arrived, and the sun is doing its colorful magic amongst the landscapes of Hanover Township! We are nearing the end of another fantastic school year, at Asa Packer Elementary and are eager to share with you the highlights of our last few months.

The new year began with the return of International Dinner; after a short hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. Thanks to one of our teachers, Mrs. Peters and several Liberty High School volunteers, Asa families were able to taste the flavors of the world in this potluck style event. Shortly after, the Asa Packer PTA launched for the very first time, a community driven act of kindness fundraiser, called the Raise Craze. This fundraiser not only raises money for the PTA but encourages students to make a positive impact in our community. February ended with a week of Read Across America, in memory of Dr. Seuss and his many inspirational books.

In March we welcomed author, Peter Catalanotto, to speak to our students about his childhood, his love for sketching and how he became an author. With the effort of parent volunteers, the PTA hosted a special lunch for Mr. Catalanotto and the all the Asa staff. Also in March, students were invited to bring a special guest for our annual Donuts with Grownups. The month wrapped up with a student and teacher favorite, the Coin Competition fundraiser. Thanks to the good spirit and participation of our principal, Mr. Horvath, committed to wearing one of three costumes of student's choice for one full school day. Asa students had a lot of fun donating as little as a penny in order to vote for their costume of choice. The most raised and costume of choice was the unicorn, earning the PTA \$724.55!

April was a busy month, having few school days with holiday break and parent teacher conferences scheduled. The month began back in time and on stage with the Puma Performer's Dinosauring performance. Mid-month, we participated in the Northeast Community Center food drive, collecting boxed and canned goods that were then distributed to programs and service centers within our community. April was also the start of third to fifth grade PSSA testing, with all grades showing support and in cosmic style, for Star Wars/Space Theme Day. Lastly, families



enjoyed a special flutophone performance by their talented second graders.

Spring concerts were held on May 22, 2023 for Grade 1, 3 and 5 and with Orchestra performances by 4th and 5th graders. The month of May was filled with exciting fundraisers, field trips and special events for our Fifth Graders. On May 12, 2023 our annual Patio Party was held from 5-8 PM. The Asa Packer Patio Party is one of our most loved fundraiser events, with wristband admission for unlimited fun of all the games, activities, face painting, balloon art, photo booth, bounce houses and more. Not to mention our extensive Basket Raffle and selection of food trucks. The laughs, fun, and excitement surrounding Asa Packer that night was PRICELESS!!!

Throughout the year, the Asa Packer PTA strives hard to give back to students and teachers. Thanks to our volunteers

and donations, parents on behalf of the PTA, can show our appreciation to the entire Asa Packer staff with quarterly snack stations and luncheons. We also thank our spring restaurant supporters, Chipotle, Chuck E. Cheese, Mod Pizza and Machs Gute for participating in our Dine and Donate fundraisers. Because of our supporters, we are able to fund and host educational trips, events and experiences for each student at Asa Packer Elementary. Students loved participating in our frequent afterschool Puma Parties, inviting parents and students on the playground for some fresh air fun and games. This year our field trips took students to Elf the Musical, Quiet Valley, IronPigs, Historical Bethlehem Walking Tour, the SteelStacks and Harrisburg. The 4th and 5th grade students enjoyed the Animal Life Cycle Discovery Project where they observe chicks and butterfly cycles in their classrooms. Other events that happened during the final weeks of school was Field Day, Kindergarten Registration, the Fifth Grade Picnic, Track and Field Day at Liberty High School and the Fifth Grade Moving up Ceremony.

This was an incredible school year! Our kids were able to experience all that Asa Packer has to offer with no restrictions due to Covid. We are grateful. We wish our Asa Packer community an exciting and memory-filled summer!

*More school news next page*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Hanover School

Welcome Spring from all of us at Hanover Elementary!!! Our students have been very busy academically in the classroom. They have also been making themselves a more well-rounded student by attending a variety of events. Our students participated in the "Up, up & away" and "Mindset Mission" assemblies. The school wide Science Day allowed all students to have hands on experience with different experiments.

The exploring continued with the Book Fair. The possibilities are endless when diving into a book of any kind! Speaking of books, during Read Across America in March, the students at Hanover logged all of pages read throughout the month. We came out to over 100,000 pages read. That comes out to over 25,000 books read!!!! Incredible! The Talent Show, Aladdin Jr play, Spring concert, Reflections



Hanover Hawk! We look forward to seeing everyone again in the Fall but until then, enjoy your summer!

and All-City Orchestra events allowed the students to show off other aptitudes and interests they have outside the classroom. The youngest ones had their time to show case their abilities with the Kindergarten ABC fashion show and a Penguin presentation by the 1st graders. And finally, the Spring Carnival is back!!! What a great time for all – dunk tanks, face painting, photo booth, games, prizes!!!!

Many, many thanks and gratitude to the PTA for their help throughout the year and their generosity. Because of them, all of our grades were able to go on field trips this year. Congratulations to all our 5th grade students. GO HANOVER HAWKS!!! We wish you best of luck and much success. Remember to come back for a visit because you will always be a

## TIPS for AVOIDING SUMMER CRIME

- ✓ LOCK YOUR DOORS, GARAGES, AND CARS. Most of the few crimes occurring in our township are crimes of opportunity. Don't give thieves the opportunity to make you a victim.
- ✓ DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN VIEW from windows or doors, especially in the rear of the home, where criminals can easily spot valuables and break in to get them.
- ✓ DO NOT LEAVE BIKES and other toys IN PLAIN VIEW ON THE LAWN.
- ✓ USE LIGHTS TO DETER CRIMINALS. Using lights has been shown to be the best single deterrent of crime. Light up doors, driveways, and sidewalks; a combination of timers and motion detectors provides formidable protection, leading a thief to move on to easier targets.
- ✓ USE DEADBOLT LOCKS WHEN POSSIBLE and be sure that they move all the way into locking position, reaching the final click.

## REMINDER ABOUT ROADSIDE BASKETBALL HOOPS

A friendly reminder to everyone that both portable and permanent basketball structures, along and within Township roads and rights-of-way, are not permitted as it promotes recreational activity in our streets and is a hazard to motor vehicles particularly Township vehicles and delivery trucks.

These structures are classified as accessory structures and while they are permitted on the same lot as the principal use, they are not allowed in the Township right-of-way. Please abide by this restriction as we don't want anyone to get hurt or property damaged.







## BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Learning Starts Here*



### Check out the new-look Main Library!

We recently gave the Main Library a much-needed makeover. Come check out the new beautiful space which was designed to inspire curiosity and creativity. The new layout creates a perfect atmosphere for learning and discovery. New shelving allows for a better organization of books and resources, making it easier to find what you're looking for. You're guaranteed to find something new! Stop by today!

### Summer at the Library



Join the summer reading and learning program to keep your kids reading when school is out!

- Storytimes
- Fun and enriching special events
- STEM activities
- Crafting and art workshops
- Read to dogs
- Fun for all ages K-12
- Prizes for reading!

The library's Summer Reading Program runs June 10 through August 19. Sign up at any library location or the Bookmobile.

### Library Events for Adults as well!

The library is the place to be this summer for adults looking for fun and educational activities as well!

- Open Mic Nights every Monday
- June 7 Jazz concert
- June 10: A program on NASA astronauts!
- Yoga and Qigong events all summer long
- Film Club
- Fiber Arts group
- The South Side location offers a meal program and citizenship classes for adults and a whole host of exciting summer programs.

### 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

#### Visit us online

[www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org)

#### Bookmobile schedule:

[bapl.org/the-bookmobile-bookmobile-schedule](http://bapl.org/the-bookmobile-bookmobile-schedule)

#### Sign up for our email newsletter:







# Northampton County Conservation District



For more information or to arrange a pickup date/time please use the contact information below.

Contact Name: Dion Campbell  
NCCD District Manager

Phone: 610-829-6284

Email: [dcampbell@norcopa.gov](mailto:dcampbell@norcopa.gov)

As the warm weather arrives, the Spotted Lanternfly will once again be hatching out to cause havoc in our county.

No need to worry, NCCD is happy to once again offer banding materials to county residents. The cost is free. All you need to do is call or email and request supplies. Once the request is received, a date and time will be provided for pick up at the conservation district office located at:

14 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth  
(Greystone Building).

*NOTE: All pickups must be pre-arranged.  
Walk-ins will NOT be accommodated.*

**\*\*Identification is required\*\***



SLF material giveaway runs  
from May 15<sup>th</sup>  
to October 1<sup>st</sup> (or until  
supplies run out)



# Clean Water Begins at Home

## *Only Rain Down the Drain*

**Check your car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain. Clean-up using cat litter to absorb leaks and spills and then place in your regular trash for proper disposal.**

**Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.**

Minimize pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM). For more information, visit EPA's website at: <https://epa.gov/ssafepestcontrol/integrated-pest-management-ipm-principles>

**Compost yard waste or place in your yard waste bin. Reuse the compost in gardens and flower beds.**

Take your car to a car wash or park on the grass to avoid cleaners from entering the storm drains. Use biodegradable soap, if soap is necessary.

**Direct drain spouts into rain gardens or install a rain barrel to prevent some runoff and to reduce the need for irrigation water from the tap.**

**Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so the chemicals won't get into the storm drains and streams.**

**Pick up after your pet.  
Don't let pet waste  
wash into the storm  
drains and pollute our  
streams.**

**Pick up your cigarette butts. They are full of chemicals and harmful to our waters and animals.**

**NEVER** put any kind of waste into the storm drain. All storm drains lead to our streams.

## Everything Ends Up in Our Stream



## 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.