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# Hanoverview

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## WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER



### IN MEMORIAM

In February of 2020 Emily D. Mosser, of Bethlehem who served as the Township's Secretary / Treasurer from 1970 to 1990 passed away earlier this year. Her late husband Jack Mosser who passed away in 2003 also worked for the Township. After retiring they moved to New Port Richey, FL. Emily moved back to the Bethlehem area after Jack's passing. Emily was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

She's survived by her sons, David (Peggy) of Bath, Gary R. (Deborah) of Hanover and Jay (Denise) of Bethlehem Township and 5 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

## HANOVER RESPONDS TO COVID-19

by Supervisor John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman

COVID-19 has swept the world like a tsunami. Hidden and unassuming at first, it caught us all off-guard. This massive, high wave has caused incalculable damage. The loss of lives and livelihoods is ongoing. Among the hardest hit is the United States with some of the key hotspots being NYC and neighboring New Jersey. The Lehigh Valley is feeling one of the larger and stronger waves in Pennsylvania. Hanover Township is but a small boat tossed by those waves. Your local government has the tiller on this small boat but the rudder often pitches in-and-out of the water. Thanks to our leadership, we have managed to steer in the right direction.

In preparing for this newsletter, I asked each of my fellow Township Supervisors to write about how Hanover Township handled and responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. You will also hear from Jay Finnigan regarding overall emergency management efforts. This article is about the challenges and efforts of our first responders - fire



service, emergency medical and police.

Heroes abound during this pandemic. At the forefront are the nurses, doctors and other caregivers who unselfishly risk their own health and sanity every day. We also have farmers, food suppliers, truck drivers and market workers who have done a fantastic job keeping us nourished. In addition

there are many volunteers and charities helping those in need. As they have always been for years, our local heroes are our very own first responders.

We expect to be well prepared for natural and man-made disasters. However, none of us were prepared for the extended impact of this pandemic. There was no playbook on any level of government, at least not anything readily apparent. Thanks to the quick proactive action of our Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators, Jay Finnigan and Vince Milite, together with the first responders' leadership team, we were able

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to quickly adapt our emergency management plan to the evolving issues. They managed quite well, even when there was little to no early guidance from any other agencies. At the onset, we understood that our first priority was to continue serving our residents, businesses and our employees and very critically to support our first responders. We fully understood that our first responders would be called upon to perform their duties and responsibilities regardless of the risk of exposure all around them.

Our primary goal was to support these men and women and to help them to safely complete their missions. We needed to ensure that they had the proper PPE - personal protection equipment including masks, gloves, face protection and protective clothing. They also needed to be supplied with proper decontamination materials and equipment. Changes to work protocols and rules of engagement with the public were essential to assure protection of volunteers, employees and the public alike.

### Emergency Medical Service

Our EMS is truly at the front line dealing directly with patients who may or may not be infected. According to EMS Director Karen Peters, "The most challenging part of the COVID-19 response was lack of personal protective equipment and education of EMS providers on how to safely respond on calls protecting themselves, the patients and the patient's family. All EMS providers must wear an N95 mask with a surgical mask on top of it, eye protection and gloves on every call as well as put a surgical mask on the

patient or an oxygen mask if needed. If it is a suspected or positive COVID-19 case then they must also put on a disposable gown. Once the patient has been transferred to the hospital, they must decontaminate the ambulance prior to leaving the hospital. If they transport a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient they will decon at the hospital as well as notification to me, the EMS Director, so I can replace their PPE and have the truck sprayed down with another disinfectant."



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## HANOVER RESPONDS TO COVID-19 *continued*

### Fire and Rescue Service

Our volunteer firefighters face an ever-present, known and tangible danger every time they respond to fire or rescue calls. Fire Chief Scott Milham puts the added risk during the pandemic in perspective. "The greatest challenge for the firefighting side of the company has been how to respond to calls while limiting the exposure of our firefighters to COVID-19 while simultaneously limiting exposure for the township residents and businesses as well as the visitors to Hanover Township. If one of our firefighters gets exposed on a call and then in turn exposes additional firefighters, we could end up having 7 to 10 or more firefighters under a two week quarantine. That would devastate our response capabilities. So we have changed the way we interact with people at the scene of incidents. We have a list of questions that we ask when we arrive at an incident to help us determine if anyone involved may have been exposed to or tested for COVID-19."

### Police Service

The Colonial Regional Police are the backbone of our first responders. They are often the first on the scene and are usually dealing with people having all sorts of problems. Chief of Police Roy Seiple feels that "the most challenging issue the Department has faced is changing the protocol to limit officer exposure for handling calls for service to the public. Our officers are the first to call when situations arise for all types of service ranging from the simple lost item to the most heinous of crimes. Community interaction is the corner stone of proactive policing. Since the pandemic has arisen we have instituted policies to limit the officer/public exposure. Many of the incidents that an officer would routinely respond to are now handled by a phone call. We are still responding to emergency calls for service but have limited our response on medical calls to only immediate life threatening issues."

Chief Seiple has concerns about a rebound of infections after restrictions are lifted and that the department could become responsible for future enforcement actions. Both Chief Milham and EMS Director Peters are very concerned about a long-term significant financial burden on Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company and Ambulance Corp. Emergency expenditure for PPE's, disinfecting materials and safety equipment are outweighing income. Unfortunately, these shortfalls will add to the fiscal pressures township government will face as a result of this pandemic.

We are all looking forward to progressing up the Governor's color chart. We need to achieve some sense of normalcy, even if it's different than the old norm. Be assured that our dedicated first responders will be there with us all the way. We need all of us to stay safe and healthy.



## COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE

*by Chief Roy E. Seiple*

I hope this finds you and yours in good health. The past few months have been trying for us all. The members of the Department are strong, healthy and still able to serve the communities. With the addition of two new officers we are at a full staffing of twenty-five (25) sworn officers and two (2) non-sworn administrative individuals. The 2019 Year End Report has been completed and can be found on our website at [www.colonialregionalpd.org](http://www.colonialregionalpd.org). It provides a comprehensive report of last year's activities.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic we have changed our operational response to many types of incidents to provide less exposure for our officers and the public. Officers are no longer physically responding to all calls. Non-emergency calls and some calls for service which once prompted the presence of an officer are handled by telephone. When officers do respond they will be wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We ask that you also wear a mask and practice social distancing. Officers will respond to life threatening calls, crimes in progress, and other emergency calls. If you need us, we will be come.

The Department lobby has been closed for walk in complaints. Inquiries can be made by calling 610 861-4820 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For after-hours non-emergency calls please contact Northampton County Control Center at 610 759-2200. They will contact an officer to call you back if needed. Dial 911 for all emergencies. When in doubt if you have an emergency Dial 911.

Deputy Chief DePalma and I, as well as the Detective Division have been switching from day shift to middle shift to limit personal contact in the headquarters. The non-sworn staff was working at home but have since returned to office duty. Officer shifts are staggered to avoid gatherings and provide consistent patrol coverage

Pre-COVID officers were handling 25 to 30 calls per 24-hour period. Calls for service over the last two months have decreased by 35%. Crashes have decreased by 300%. Criminal acts and arrests have decreased. We have received various calls regarding violations of social distancing and workplace safety. Each call is evaluated on its own merit. The responsibility for compliance falls with each and every one of us. Enforcement of gross violations is the responsibility of our officers. To date we have issued

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several warnings but have not issued a citation. As always, officers are using their discretion on traffic enforcement.

Just remember those stop signs are still free if you stop, \$143.00 if you don't. The volume of traffic has decrease drastically. Traffic during the day reminds me of night shifts in the 80's when you were lucky to see ten cars during your shift.

Life as we have been accustomed to certainly has changed. My wife convinced me to take some time to relax and go fishing. We have not fished for twenty years since the kids were young. The trips lasted about 15 minutes. The other day my wife, my now 29-year-old daughter and I decide to go fishing. So, I packed up the van. I carried the gear, strung the lines, and put the hooks and worms on. We sat down and began our fishing adventure. I sat for about a minute enjoying the quiet time. Then it began. It started with the much-expected tree fishing. I retrieved two lines out of trees, unsnagged two lines in the creek, replaced three hooks and sinkers, and rebaited the lines. About fifteen minutes into our adventure my daughter said, "there are no fish here let's go". It was fun while it lasted but I can say that even though our lives are different now some things never change.

Be safe, be healthy, and take the kids fishing.

## Medication Disposal

The Rite Aid Foundation and KidCents donated a medication disposal box that has been placed in the vestibule of the Township Building. This will supplement the box that is located at the Colonial Regional Police Station so residents can place their unwanted or expired medications in the drop box. This will prevent dangerous accidents with children in your household or just a safe disposal site.



**ACCEPTED:** Prescription medications (Scheduled II-V controlled and non-controlled substances\*) & over-the-counter medications\*

**NOT ACCEPTED:** Illegal Drugs, Needles, Lotions or Liquids, Inhalers, Aerosol Cans, Thermometers or Hydrogen Peroxide.

\*Common dosage forms such as tablets, capsules, ointments and patches. Not intended for US Mail and garbage disposal.

## NEW CRPD OFFICERS



(left to right): Officer Vas, Chief Seiple, Officer Bockhorn.

At the January 27, 2020 meeting of the Colonial Regional Police Commission the Commissioners unanimously approved offering Cody Bockhorn and Stephen Vas Conditional Offers of Probationary Employment. Both officers began their service with the Colonial Regional Police Department on Monday, February 24, 2020.

Cody Bockhorn was raised in Pompton Plains New Jersey. He graduated cum laude from Montclair State University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Cody has previously served with the City of Philadelphia Police Department from June 2015 until his hire at the CRPD. He currently resides in Philadelphia but has recently purchased a home in Bethlehem and will be relocating shortly. Cody is an experienced police officer and the CRPD is happy to have him as a member of our organization.

Stephen Vas was raised in the Easton area. He graduated from Northampton County Community College where he attained an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He completed his Act 120 Police Certification at the Lackawanna College Police Academy. Stephen was previously employed as a Deputy Sheriff and a Corrections Officer with Northampton County. He resides in Bethlehem with his fiancée. Stephen possesses several law enforcement related specialized certifications. The members of the CRPD are glad to have him as a member of their team.

The officers have been assigned to a Field Training Officer and must successfully complete a 42 working day Field Training Program. The program consists of mentoring the officers through every phase of the department's organization and operation. The officers will receive a daily written evaluation from their FTO. The Supervising Sergeant reviews the evaluations and forwards them to the Deputy Chief of Police who in turn provides the Chief of Police with a weekly report summarizing the officer's progress.

Welcome aboard!



# Hanover Township Community Center

Director: Robert Cepin/Assistant Director: Nichole Hamburg 610-317-8701 [reservations@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:reservations@hanovertwp-cc.org)

## Mark Your Calendar:

Virtual Bingo	<b>Check FB page for monthly</b>
Fall Festival	<b>Saturday October 3rd</b>
Field of Pink & Vera Bradley Bingo	<b>Sunday October 11th</b>

## Hanover Township Community Center Update

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

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

## Resources for Workouts at Home & Upcoming Virtual Programming

### For Children and Seniors:

**Fitness Blender**, an extensive online resource, has a workout designed for kids and parents that features game elements such as "Red Light, Green Light" to keep things fun. Their community forum has more suggestions for kid-friendly fitness from other parents.

**Senior Classes through Silver & Fit:** Monday – Friday, at 10 a.m. PT/1 p.m. ET on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SilverandFit/> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/silverandfit>.

### For the Casual Gym "Go-er":

**Gold's Gym** has made its premium access to its propriety training app free to everyone through the end of May, along with an online streaming site full of workouts designed to be done anywhere.

**Planet Fitness** is offering free live-streamed home "work-ins" to the public on their Facebook page, no equipment needed (previous workouts are archived on their page in case you miss a live session).

### For More Intense Workouts and Yoga

**Yoga with Adrienne**, on YouTube is always free, and has a huge variety of yoga routines for different times of day, to target different areas of tension. Plus, based on how much time you have, you can pick a quick video (under 10 minutes) or longer session of up to 45 minutes and anything in between.

**Chalk Online**, created by personal trainer and CrossFit gym owner Ryan Fischer, has a free two-week trial which includes access to 3 workouts a day — a traditional CrossFit-style workout with weights, a workout for those with little or no equipment, and a conditioning and core workout with lighter weight

### Upcoming Virtual Education Class at HTCC:

**Basics of Buying & Selling on Ebay:** 60-75 minutes class taught on Zoom to explain creating an account, setting up banking through Paypal and walking you through how to list an item to sell or search for an item to buy. June 23, 10am. Cost: \$12.00 Call the Community Center to register or use this link: [https://htcc.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://htcc.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs)

**Virtual Bingo (monthly):** our May bingo was a huge success, we had 100 people playing through Zoom! To request a bingo board and zoom invite please email: [rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org)





### VERA BRADLEY BINGO SUNDAY 10/11 @ 1 PM

Tickets: \$20 prior to 10/2  
\$25 after 10/1 and at the door.



## Join Us on Sunday, October 11, 2020 for the 8th Annual Field of Pink & Very Bradley Bingo! Vera Bradley Bingo & Field of Pink no planting at HTCC.

Each year HTCC hosts a Vera Bradley Bingo to raise money for Women's Programming. This Fall our VB Bingo will be on **Sunday, October 11th at 1 pm** and will benefit the Pink Fire Truck. It will be held in conjunction with the **Field of Pink!**

The Field Of Pink is planted to help raise awareness of breast cancer and to honor those who have fought this disease. This year over 1000 pink flags will be planted and will be left on display for the month of October. Our day will begin at 12 pm at the Hanover Township Community Center, located at 3660 Jacksonville Rd. Bethlehem, PA 18017. We will begin the festivities with our Vera Bradley Bingo (food will be available). Once intermission hits (approximately 1:30pm), we will then walk to the Municipal Building to plant the field of pink by the Municipal Marquee. The bingo will resume when we return.

When arriving at the Field of Pink everyone will enjoy a brief presentation and planting of our field. Flag sponsorships are suggested at \$2 per flag, and flag donations will be given to The Pink Ribbon Patient Assistance Fund of the Lehigh Valley Hospital, which helps women and men undergoing breast cancer treatments by paying for household expenses.

Flags can be purchased at Hanover Township Community Center during normal business hours up until the day of and during the event. You are encouraged to write "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" on your sponsored flags and join us on October 15th to plant our Field of Pink. If you wish to sponsor a flag but cannot join us on October 15th, you can leave the flag at HTCC and we will plant it for you! Sponsorship forms can also be found on the Hanover Township Community Center website at [hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://hanovercommunitycenter.com) and at several other locations: LVH Muhlenberg and Traditions of Hanover.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAM at HTCC

**Registration NOW OPEN, limited spots remain!**

### Membership Information

A Children's Services Membership (\$60.00) must be purchased at time of registration. This membership will allow your child to participate in all Preschool-Aged Programming at a discounted rate and includes use of the gymnasium. The membership will be activated the week of September 2nd and will be valid through September 1st, 2020. Membership fees and deposits are non-refundable.

### New Family Registration Requirements:

- Nonrefundable preschool membership payment (\$60)
- Completed registration form (can email)
- Session deposit(s) - 10% for each session

Class	Age Cutoff	Days	Time	Classes per Session	Session Cost	Yearly Cost
3's	3 by 1/31/21	Tues/Thur	9am - 12pm	16	\$350	\$1,400
4's	4 by 10/1/20	Mon/Wed/Fri	9am - 12pm	24	\$450	\$1,800
Pre K	5 by 1/31/21	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thur	9am - 12pm	32	\$550	\$2,200
Pre K (Friday)	5 by 1/31/21	Friday	9am - 12pm	8	\$125	\$500

- The remaining balance of each session is due by the close of business on the date specified on the payment chart (handed out at registration).
- Call today for more information, 610-317-8701



## Hanover Youth Field Hockey - Fall 2020



### Kindergarten and 1st Grade Team

- *What's involved?*

Exhibition for our youngest players to learn the basic skills to prepare them for the next level with 1-2 practices per week. No games are played, possible intra-squad scrimmages.

- *Cost- \$60*

### 2nd and 4th Grade Team

2 practices per week, 8 games (home & away) and a league tournament

- *Cost: \$95 (includes uniform)*

### 5th and 6th Grade Team

2 practices per week, 8 games (home & away) and a league tournament

- *Cost: \$95 (includes uniform)*

- *Required by participant*

Stick, shin guards, mouth guard and eye gear (5/6 only).

All practices & home games held at First Responders Park, team will be part of NJPA youth field hockey league.

***Registration ONLINE only starting July 1 and running through July 15***

***\*Season is scheduled to start beginning of August but can change due to the COVID19 pandemic\****

## Omission from Previous Hanoverview Issue



If you recall from the previous version, the Winter Hanoverview publication, we ran a story about Hanover Township residents/members of the Community Center who had been 1,000 point scorers in basketball at their respective high school or college. I want to admit I missed someone that should have been easy to identify, Neil Curtis, HTCC's own tennis professional/instructor. Neil went on to score 1162 points at Saucon High School.

I have to admit that I always pictured Neil as a tennis player because that is how I was introduced to him. Working with him in that capacity we never really discussed any other sports besides the sport he was so dominant in: tennis! As bad as I felt for omitting Neil from that article I feel that I am justified, to those of you who know him, to assume he has always ate, slept and played tennis.

Kudos to Neil and his wife for being great residents of Hanover Township!

## Special Events – Fall Festival: October 3, 2020

Hanover Township's Fall Festival has it all and is a great start to the fall season! As one of our largest special events, the Fall Festival offers live music, food tastings, a free pumpkin patch, tractor rides through the foliage of the municipal complex and a haunted house in the Community Center! New this year, we will be offering apple cider tasting from local farms in the Lehigh Valley. Events commence at 12pm and lasts until the last pumpkin is gone! The best part about this great event, it's **FREE!**



## Dealing with Cancellation in Sports During COVID-19

*by Robert Cepin, Recreation Director*

Coronavirus has already made a massive impact on the world of professional sports, canceling nearly every major sporting event for the next few months, or at the very least, disallowing fans from attending but it has also cancelled ALL youth spring/summer sports. As a Recreation Director who over sees our youth Lacrosse and Field Hockey programs I want to provide some helpful talking points for you to have with your children who may have or are going to have a sports season cancelled or cut short.

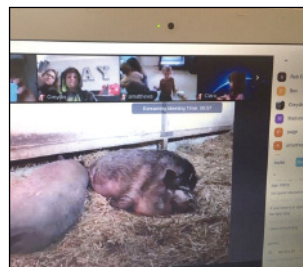
The pandemic right now actually has some similarities to sport. As crazy as that might sound I think we can all agree that some of our hardest life lessons in sports shaped us in some way or form, similar to how the virus is shaping and dictating how we live each day. The current crisis asks our youth and adult athletes to apply these lessons/ideas in a more critical situation. As parents or coaches we can't erase the disappointment of athletes but we can mold our athletes on how to respond to tough situations and adversity in a civil and honorable way.

Some ways to handle this can be letting your child know that it is OK to be disappointed and feel it is not fair to have your season cancelled. Let them know that feeling is totally understandable and this is a situation that society has not faced before. Also reassure that sports teaches us that we can overcome adversity and you're the kind of person who is resilient. Another way is to preach that they should shift their focus on control what they can control when disappointed. This is the time to work on the future and understand that the focus for professional athletes or youth athletes has to be "bigger picture".

Since we can't dictate what this virus does and it will dictate to us what it will do let's apply the lessons of youth sports participation; resilience, grit, determination.

## "Zoom Bombing" our Preschool Meetings

In order to keep our Zoom Meetups for our Preschool Classes fun we had the idea to have special guests in the form of pigs, chickens, goats, sheep drop by! Thanks to our friends at the Lancaster Farm Sanctuary!





## EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

### 1st Quarter EMS Call Statistics for 2020

Medical Emergencies .....	451
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	28
Fire Support .....	55
Total calls for the quarter .....	534



## FIRE COMPANY REPORT

by Chief Scott Milham

Well the world looks and acts quite a bit different than when I wrote my last article for the Hanover Township newsletter. The changes that we have all experienced in the last month and a half to two months are something that most of us have never thought much about. If you would have told me last year at this time that I would not be able to go to work, go to any store I wanted to or simply leave my house for any reason for 60 days or more in 2020 I would have said you were out of your mind. Yet here we are in just that situation. Through all this I have been extremely grateful for all of the volunteers and staff of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co. All the volunteers and staff have all stepped up in a big way to help protect and guide our community and its visitor's through this Covid-19 pandemic. Although our call volume has dropped off during the last two months due to the stay at home orders, the time spent on each call has increased. We now disinfect the fire trucks after each call and equipment and gear that were used need to be cleaned and or disinfected.

We have all tried to maintain a positive attitude through this pandemic that has been hitting our community and all the others in Pennsylvania and the U.S. This has been tough for us, our community and others as well. It has been especially hard on the children whose birthdays fell during the stay at home order and they were unable to celebrate with their friends and their families. Parties were cancelled as well as birthday trips to parks, etc. So the member's and staff of the Fire Company collaborated with the Township Manager and his staff and came up with a way to help the children celebrate their birthdays. The fire company, Colonial Regional Police Department., the Township Manager as well as some of the Township Public Works Staff have performed drive by birthday parades for over 80 children in Hanover since the last weekend in March.

I would like to thank all of parade participants for giving up their free time to do the parades. We will be continuing these birthday parades at least thru the end of May. We also did an Easter Bunny Parade through the township on the Saturday before Easter. I have received well over 100 thank you messages and emails telling us how happy we made their child by doing a birthday parade for them or thanking us for the Easter Parade. Many have told me that their child said that this was one of their best birthday's ever.

I can tell you that during these dark times that the birthday parades have been uplifting events for all of our volunteers, EMS staff, Police Officer's as well as the Township personnel who have participated. We are very, very happy

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

This has been an extremely challenging year for our First Responders. We put our lives on the line each and every day to serve our community; however, this has been the most challenging situation with which we have ever had to deal with. Hanover Township started to prepare for the response to COVID-19 at the end of February to be able to continue to safely respond to emergency calls, even those involving Coronavirus. Initially the challenge was lack of a sufficient amount of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and education of EMS, Fire and Police personnel on how to safely respond on calls involving the virus while protecting themselves, each patient and the patient's family.

We were able to secure a limited amount of additional PPE from our EMS suppliers, donations from Home Depot on Route 191 and also from residents, and then from Northampton County Emergency Management. Restocking of our PPE is an ongoing issue as we continue to strive to serve our community safely.

Responding on all calls EMS providers must wear an N95 mask, a surgical mask over the N95 mask, eye protection and gloves. In addition, our personnel are required to place a surgical mask, or an oxygen mask, if needed, on the patient. If we are notified by the 911 Center that the patient is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19, the crew must also wear a disposable gown and, if available, a half face respirator. We are still in the process of getting these respirators for all crews. Once any patient has been transferred to the hospital staff, the crews decontaminate the ambulance prior to leaving the hospital. If they transport a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient they will notify me, as the EMS Director, for replacement of their PPE in addition to performing the decontamination of the ambulance and themselves at the hospital. The ambulance is then temporarily taken "Out of Service" until the truck can be completely cleaned at our station using specialized decontamination equipment and chemicals. We have personnel who have been specially trained in the use of this equipment and in the proper way to fully clean our vehicles and medical equipment.

This pandemic has placed enormous stress on all First Responders who are on the front lines of the war against the

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to be able to make a child's day by doing these parades. One of the things that I have noticed while driving through the township while doing these parades is somewhat concerning to me. I have noticed that many homes do not have visible numbers on their mailbox or on the home itself. Some of the numbers may be missing or that the color of the numbers blends in with the color of the mailbox making them pretty much invisible. Even in today's world with GPS it is still imperative for your house to be numbered as GPS is not always correct or it may lock up from some reason.

So in order for us to be able to find your house quickly, please have easily readable numbers on both sides of your mailbox and by your front door. That way no matter which direction we approach from we can see the number. I can't tell you how many mailboxes I have seen in our Township with the number only on the side the mail delivery comes from. When you have an emergency and need fire, EMS or police help, every second counts so please make sure we can find you easily.

Thanks and stay safe!

**Update on the Hanover Pool**

*by Supervisor Michael J. Prendeville, Vice Chairman*

Prior to the pandemic known as COVID-19, Hanover Township was in the process of finalizing an agreement with Terracon, a Kansas-based engineering company having offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and which specializes in geotechnical surveys, to provide guidance on the integrity of the terrain under and around the pool which is a critical first step in determining next steps. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the Board of Supervisors has temporarily postponed that engagement until the fog of uncertainty is lifted. Until a clearer picture on when normal activities can resume and the Board has a better understanding on how this pandemic will impact the Township financially, engagement with Terracon is temporarily on hold. The Pool will remain among the Township's important action item to be addressed when circumstances permit. The Board continues to make measured decisions to maintain essential services that promotes the health and well-being to our residents.

**FIRE COMPANY NEWS****FUND DRIVE**

Our annual Fund Drive letter was mailed out the end of May. We need your help more than ever due to the increased expenses we have incurred in the battle to fight COVID-19.

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 cover workers compensation insurance 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.

**THANK YOU**

A great big Thank you to Lowe's, Martin Court, Bethlehem, Home Depot on Rt. 191, Christmas City Spirits, Whitehall Pharmacy, Eight Oaks Distillery, Flowserve and the many Township residents who donated to us. These gracious donations are truly appreciated by our Emergency Responders.

**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.

*\*\*Please note that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we implemented a "No Visitor" policy at the Fire Station on Stoke Park Road (near Wegmans) in March and indefinitely suspended our Junior Member/Student Community Service program at that time. Weekly training will commence again once restrictions have been lifted by the State and Local government.\*\**

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



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/HTVFCPA>

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virus. First Responders typically do not get to work in a controlled setting like in a hospital and must deal with whatever conditions exist where the patient needs our help. We respond in all types of weather, go into homes, businesses and vehicles to access and to help our patients. Even working as safely as possible, the chance of our PPE getting wet, dirty or displaced while moving patients out of a vehicle or out of a house or business is high. Continued health and safety of the First Responder are imperative to ensure that we can continue to provide our services to the residents of, and visitors to, Hanover Township. In addition to their physical health, the mental health of our First Responders is also a major concern. We use the PPE I described above because the First Responder's health and safety must be our first priority. If we do not train and equip our First Responders to operate safely and stay healthy, we will not be able to respond to help others who are in need. Mentally this takes a toll on each of us because we worry about becoming exposed to the virus and the possibility of exposing our families when we go home at the end of our shift.

Our Fire Company is feeling the financial burden of the COVID-19 pandemic. The unfortunate truth is that our expenses have been outweighing our income due our need to purchase more and different types of PPE, sanitizers, and specialized cleaning equipment needed to maintain our response equipment. While the Fire Company is a volunteer organization, our EMS staff includes paid personnel to ensure 24/7 coverage of our township. Accordingly, we have experienced additional payroll costs due to staffing shortages from personnel having to be quarantined due to possible exposures. Our call volume has also decreased as people are afraid to go to the hospitals, which then causes a significant loss of income for us. To compound this, we have responded to many calls for assistance by people who have no insurance to pay for our service. That does not stop us from treating or transporting them to the hospital, as necessary, but also equates to expended resources that cannot be recovered.

As the EMS Director and Infectious Control Officer for all personnel in Hanover Township who work under the Emergency Services umbrella, including Fire, EMS, Police, Public Works crews and Emergency Management staff, I am proud to say our First Responders are Second to None! We are working day and night to keep the residents of, visitors to, and travelers through Hanover Township safe.

**UPDATE ON 2020 CENSUS**

*by Supervisor Michael J. Prendeville, Vice Chairman*



The self-response rate for Hanover Township as of May 20th is 83.5% which ranks us 6th in the Commonwealth. Number 1 in PA is at 84.4% so we are real close to being in the top spot! Our residents are doing a remarkable job but we need to count everyone! Online responses

will close July 31st. By way of comparison, Northampton County has a 70.6% self-reporting response rate while the Commonwealth is at 62.7%.

For each person counted, the region receives approximately \$2,100 per person, per annum. Census Data is essential for the disbursement of government funding such as public infrastructure improvements, housing programs, school lunches, special education funding, Medicaid and much more. Perhaps more important than ever, Census Data also helps health providers predict the spread of disease, an unfortunate reality we are experiencing.

Since 1790, participating in the Census is one of the most important civic duties of our democracy. Census Data does not ask about citizenship but does collect statistics on how many household members reside at a residence, age, sex, race, and relationship to the person responding, and if the dwelling is rented or owned. All information is kept confidential by law.

Our region has experienced tremendous growth resulting in pressures on our infrastructure and resources. Visit [My2020Census.gov](https://My2020Census.gov) for more information, or to fill out your census. Together, we can make sure that everyone is counted and everyone counts.

**YARD WASTE BARREL**

This barrel was distributed to residents to assist the Township staff in the collection of residential yard waste. Each barrel has a serial number on it

which identifies what address it belongs to in the Township.

**It is not to be used for residential waste.**

Republic Services is not required to check these barrels when collecting residential waste. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.



## Eagle Scout Wladyslawski

Luke Blaise Wladyslawski., a member of Boy Scout Troop 352 at Notre Dame Parish of Bethlehem, received the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held in March at Camp Spirit, Fogelsville, PA. The rank is the highest and most honored awards of the Boy Scouts of America. He served his troop in leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Luke constructed a wall to help the S.T.A.R. program for veterans at Christ Church United Church of Christ.

Luke is the son of Mark Wladyslawski & Dr. Colleen Kennedy of Hanover and will graduate from Bethlehem Catholic in May of 2020. At Bethlehem Catholic High School he is a member of the lacrosse team. His siblings are Margaret Wladyslawski and Delaney Krenski.

He plans on attending the Penn State US and major in Cyber Security and Analytics.



*Front row: John Diacogiannis Supervisor Hanover Township, Connor Nissen, Charlie Pavis, Kristine Bush, Senator Scavello's representative. Back row: Luke Wladyslawski, Debbie Petraits, Marcia Hahn's representative, and Don Heiney, Supervisor East Allen Township.*

## DOG ORDINANCE

In 2001 the Board of Supervisors passed a Dog Ordinance. In the last year we have received an increasing amount of phone calls relative to dogs bothering their neighbors. We'd like to remind you of a few of the important parts of the ordinance:

### "Section 4. NUISANCE.

#### 4.1 - Activities Constituting Nuisances

4.1 (a) On or after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any Owner to keep or harbor any dog or dogs which habitually barks, howls, screeches, bays, or yelps incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or intermittently for a period of one (1) hour between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or incessantly for a period of five (5) minutes or intermittently for a period of one-half (1/2) hour between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to the discomfort or annoyance of its neighbors, or which materially disturbs, annoys or endangers the health, safety, welfare or repose of its neighbors. Such dogs are hereby declared a public nuisance.

#### Section 4.2 - Notices of Violations

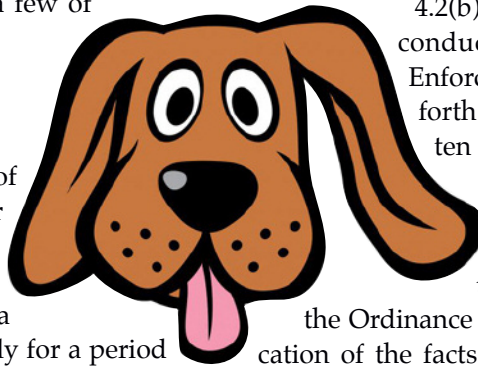
4.2(a) Whenever any person shall complain to the Township or Ordinance Enforcement Officer concerning a dog or dogs engaging in conduct listed in Section 4.1(a) above, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall notify the Owner of the dog or dogs that a complaint has been

received and that the Owner must immediately take whatever steps are necessary to terminate such conduct (the "Notice").

4.2(b) In the event that the Section 4.1 (a) conduct continues after the Ordinance Enforcement Officer gives the Notice as set forth in Section 4.2(a), then, upon the written complaint of two (2) residents, which residents may not be related by blood or marriage and may not reside in the same household, concerning the continued violation of Section 4.1(a), then the Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall, upon verification of the facts that form the basis of the complaint, shall issue to Owner a citation in accordance with Section 11 of this Ordinance."

### "Section 11. PENALTIES.

Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction before the District Justice in and for the Township, to the payment of a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, nor more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars per violation. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day in which a violation of this Ordinance occurs. Persons violating this Ordinance shall be liable for any fines imposed, plus court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Township in the proceedings to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance."



## COMMUNITY CENTER & RECREATION

by Supervisor John D. Nagle



Well, we have good news and bad news. First the bad news, we have no idea when the Governor will allow us to open the Community Center. Be assured, our foremost concern is YOUR health. We will keep you informed as things progress.

As a result, HTCC will have no camps this summer. Also parks will be closed for the foreseeable future.

The GOOD NEWS is that HTCC will be sponsoring Virtual Daily Senior Fitness Classes. Also Virtual Book Discussions will be taking place once a month. A pre-school Meetup Class on Zoom for 3, 4 year-olds and Pre-K has been established every Wednesday for 30 minutes. Its themes will be Show & Tell, Favorite Book, etc. May 21 will feature a Zoom Virtual Graduation for the Preschoolers moving up to Kindergarten in the Fall.

A successful Home Story-Time/Craft experience with Bethlehem Library has happened in May and we anticipate another will be scheduled soon.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better, we have Tennis @ Home with USTA- <https://netgeneration.usta.com/us-en/tennis-at-home.html> resources for all ages and levels!

For those of us who qualify, Senior workouts at home via Silver Sneakers and Silver Fit:

<http://go.silversneakers.com/facebooklive>

\*Also if you have been utilizing the Silver and Fit resource, even working at home on your own or are using the Silver Sneaker home workouts, please let Rob Cepin at [rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org) know your dates and times and you can be entered to win free items (t-shirts, duffle bag, etc.) from those companies, just email him times and dates for the month of APRIL to be enter (if you are a HTCC Silver Sneaker or Silver and Fit member).

BINGO: Yes, I said BINGO. You just won! HTCC has Virtual Bingo every month on our Facebook Page.

If it is you mind you wish to develop, HTCC has Virtual Education classes like "Basics of EBay" and "Mastering Smartphones", and many, many more. If you would like more information on these classes or to register please visit:

[https://htcc.activityreg.com/ClientPage\\_t2.wcs](https://htcc.activityreg.com/ClientPage_t2.wcs)

Now, I know some of you are asking about the status of your memberships. More good news here. Memberships are being extended as long as HTCC is closed due to CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines.

Like I said there is good news and bad news. BUT, there is way MORE GOOD NEWS. We WILL get through this thing together and be a better, stronger nation for it!

Keep your masks on.

## ADMINISTRATION

by Supervisor Jeff M. Warren



While these weeks and months have certainly been a challenge for our collective community, they have also presented a number of obstacles for our Hanover Township staff. Thankfully, our professional staff have proactively met these challenges head-on in a number of ways.

First and foremost, making sure the Township staff remains safe has been one of our top priorities. Inevitably, their safety on the job filters down to ensuring our residents' safety. Township Manager Jay Finnigan said, "when it became apparent the country was in the early stages of a pandemic, the Township Building was closed to the public and the Township staff was put on flexible schedules so that their paths would not cross entering and exiting the building. Those who could perform their functions

remotely were set up with the ability to safely and securely work from home as needed."

Finnigan also went on to say, "the Community Center was closed and ultimately all part-time employees were unfortunately laid off as a result of lack of work. We have constantly sanitized both buildings and each public works' employee was assigned their own vehicle. They are responsible for sanitizing it before and after their shift. We eliminated as best we could the chance of cross contamination."

As we continue to monitor how COVID-19 affects our local community, the morale among Township staff has remained high. In terms of that morale, Finnigan said, "you could sense early on that the staff was concerned for the safety of their families and you could see the stress on their faces. The more we developed a plan of action, rolled out additional safeguards, and enforced social distancing, you could sense relief. The best step we took was stagger-

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## ADMINISTRATION *continued*

ing work hours so only one individual would be in the public works facility at a time.”

In fact, one of our Township public works’ employees wrote the following in an email to Finnigan that was shared with the Township Supervisors: “From the start of this pandemic, you were on top of it, but not all shared your enthusiasm. Most of the residents understood it, but as you know it’s easy to judge from your computer and not be in your position. I’m also glad the staff started to come around and understand the seriousness of what was happening. From my standpoint, you did a great job and were way ahead of others in the area and state concerning our safety and welfare.”

We have been fortunate that Mr. Finnigan has coordinated virtual meetings with the other Townships and Boroughs in Northampton County to discuss ways they could help each other and exchange ideas on how to operate

government and ensure the safety of staff and residents. The County Emergency Management staff joined the meetings as well to share important information with the municipalities concerning virus data.

The response of the Township staff and residents has, overall, been exciting and at times overwhelming. We are fortunate as a municipality to have a great staff and they have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Even more exciting is the response from our residents. Unfortunately, we’ve had to delay some of our services, such as yard waste. 99.99% of the residents have wholeheartedly supported and understood our decisions. As a matter of fact, the most direct comment received by the professional staff was, “the safety of the Township staff is more important than picking up my branches.”

I am confident that the Board of Supervisors and Township staff will continue to persist throughout this crisis with measured and responsible courses of action that will keep our collective community safe and sound.

## PUBLIC WORKS

*by Supervisor Susan A. Lawless, Esq.*



The Township’s Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and care of Township property, including the Township Building, the Community Center and four other buildings, the Township’s eleven Parks, and the Township’s vast network of infrastructure

including its sixty-three miles of roads and stormwater structures all of which are vital to the everyday life of the Township. While perhaps best known for keeping the Township’s roads in excellent condition and its rapid and efficient response to winter storms which is second to none, our Public Works Department plays a vital role in disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. For example, our Public Works responded quickly at the outset of the current COVID-19 pandemic by performing regular, deep cleaning of all Township facilities before most facilities were shut down to the public.

This natural disaster has presented this department with a challenge unlike anything it has faced in his thirty-six (36) years with Public Works, accordingly to Vince Milite, the Department’s Director since 2009. “Ultimately, Public Works has to work as a team to complete all that it needs to do and that is just not possible, right now, if we are to keep our most important assets, our employees, safe and healthy.” To keep the fourteen-man crew safe but also

working to meet the needs of the Township, Milite, working closely with the Township’s Manager, has staggered the start times for his employees so that no one is congregating together. He has identified those tasks which can be retooled entirely to be accomplished by one man. A thorough cleaning of all equipment, including truck interiors, is completed before and at the end of each workday. For any maintenance of equipment that cannot be completed by the individual crew member, an erasable board is being used to communicate with the Department’s mechanic to maintain social distancing. While observing these measures, the Department has tackled many of its normal spring functions such as mowing and mulching in our parks and addressing winter weather damage around the Township such as repairing signs and filling potholes. A lot of curbing got a fresh coat of yellow paint to signify “no parking zones,” at least one building got a much-needed new coat of stain, and the Department has taken advantage of little to no occupancy in the Township’s buildings to change lights, filters and perform other routine maintenance that can be done by one person. A project that would take a crew of two (2) or three (3) employees, however, takes longer.

Unfortunately, there are some tasks that simply cannot be retooled to meet these necessary, safety requirements. Until recently, the most notable from perspective of the Township’s residents, that list included yard waste pickup. Unlike street sweeping, which can be done by one

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## PUBLIC WORKS *continued*

man, yard waste collection takes two if not three men, according to Milite and therefore it just cannot be done safely right now. Mr. Milite and the Township's Manager, Jay Finnigan, put their thinking caps on to come up with a way to accomplish the task safely. Pick-up using the new procedures started during the first week of May. With the shelter-in-place order falling during Spring, many residents focused on yard work and gardening, perhaps more than usual, so this should be welcome news for Township residents. Pick-up will likely take longer than normal to complete. The Department was thinking outside the box again to enable it to prepare Stoke Park Road between Jacksonville Road and Schoenersville Road for upcoming repaving. Milite will continue to work with the Township Manager and his team members to come up with systems to complete as many tasks as the department can complete safely and efficiently.

When asked how this current challenge compared to others he and his Department have weathered in the past, Milite offered the open-endedness of the situation. Unlike the winter of 1994 when we were bombarded by winter storm after winter storm or when we faced complete white-out conditions and unbelievable amounts of snow during the blizzard of 1996, you knew it would end with springtime and a change of the season. That is just not the

case with our current global public health crisis. But Milite cited some silver linings too. Managing while observing social distancing measure has reinforced both his pride and confidence in his team. He offered that he has two Crew Leaders who have stepped up to meet all challenges to date along with an excellent, experienced crew. "I really can't find words to give enough credit to my entire crew," Milite said with obvious pride and gratitude.

Other bright spots during this challenging time has been his involvement with the Township's First Responders. Public Works has joined with the Township's First Responders to help brighten the birthday celebrations of the Township's many children who have not been able to enjoy party gatherings and these weekend events have been a highlight for Milite personally. Mr. Milite drives the Township's big dump truck during these celebrations, the recent addition of this big vehicle has been a big hit with the kids. You may have also noticed that he was at the helm of a bright green John Deere tractor when he had the honor of chauffeuring the Easter Bunny around the Township.

The members of our Public Works Department are busy at work to insure that our parks, roadways and gathering places will remain ready when life begins again to approach a normal pace. Please be patient with things like the pace of yard waste. All projects are being addressed when we can guarantee the safety and health of those responsible for doing them. We are in this together.

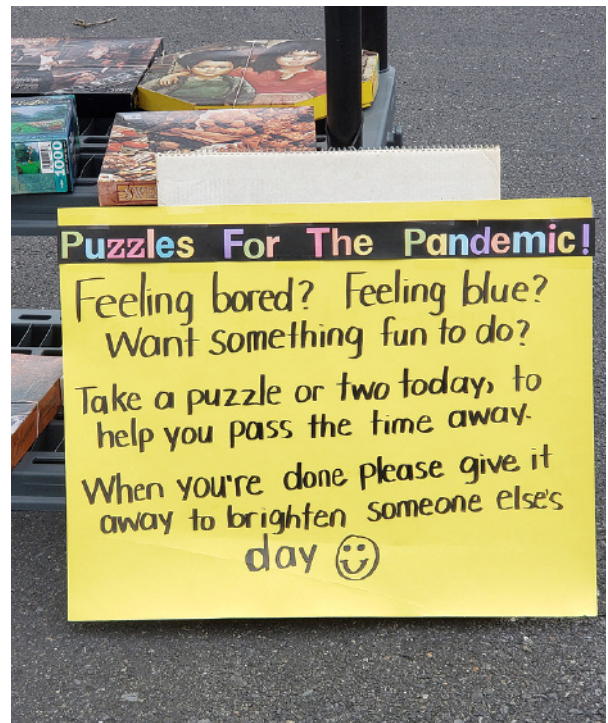
### WHY DOES IT TAKE A CRISIS?

Oklahoma Bombing – 1995  
 Atlanta Olympic Bombing – 1996  
 911 Attack – 2001  
 Hurricane Katrina – 2005  
 Boston Marathon Bombing – 2013  
 Hurricane Maria – 2017  
 COVID19 – 2020

Each time a disaster occurs that affects the United States, either natural or manmade, we rally around each other and it brings the best out in most, if not all of us. The picture to the right shows how one individual/individuals in the Township Made Lemonade out of Lemons. Thanks for showing the best in all of us!!!

### A RAY OF SUNSHINE AMIDST A PANDEMIC

Walking around Pointe North you would come across this table at the end of a driveway. Talk about sharing hope during a most difficult time. Thank you!



## NCATO

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS  
c/o Williams Township  
655 Cider Press Road • Easton, PA 18042  
Phone 610-258-8587 • Fax 610-258-6080

### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Northampton County Association of Township Officials announces the offering of a Scholarship in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Qualifications are:

1. Must be a student residing in a Second Class Township located in Northampton County (qualifying townships are listed at the foot of this page).
2. School and Community Activity Involvement and GPA considered.
3. Personal Statement to be submitted.
4. Financial Need may be considered as part of the qualification process.

Every high school graduate who applies by the deadline and meets the above qualifications will be considered for this scholarship.

Applications may be submitted through the Guidance Office or directly to the County Association at the address below no later than August 3, 2020.

Applications can be picked up at the Township Office or call (610.866.1140) and we'll be happy to mail it to you.

#### NCATO

Attn: 2020 Scholarship Committee  
c/o Williams Township  
655 Cider Press Road • Easton, PA 18042

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Please note that all completed applications and pertinent information **MUST** be received no later than August 3, 2020. Applications received after August 3, 2020 will be considered incomplete and NOT eligible for consideration.

The Townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Forks, Hanover, Lehigh, Lower Mt. Bethel, Lower Nazareth, Lower Saucon, Moore, Palmer, Plainfield, Upper Mt. Bethel, Upper Nazareth, Washington and Williams.



### 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.

### 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:

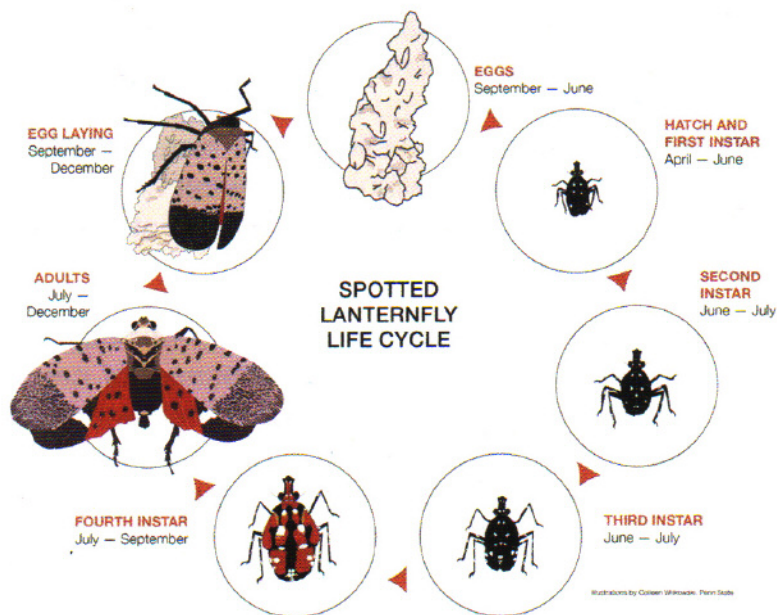
[www.colonialregionalpd.org](http://www.colonialregionalpd.org).

## SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

### It's Here In Hanover Township

This insect was initially discovered in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 2014. It attacks grape vines, fruit trees and many other tree varieties, especially Tree of Heaven and American red maple.

Hanover Township is in a quarantine area. We are to be aware of this insect and report it if we see it on our property. To report a sighting, call 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359). For information and pictures of the Spotted Lanternfly – egg masses, the two nymph stages and the mature adult – see [www.extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-homeowners](http://www.extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-for-homeowners). At this website, Penn State Extension has information for homeowners on the identification and management of SLF.



*Insect sizes have been enlarged to show detail.  
Please visit Penn State Extension website to learn more:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>*

## YOU CAN HELP

### REPLACE YOUR MISSING STREET TREE

The tree canopy in Hanover Township is suffering from tree removal for development and from the Emerald Ash Borer that is killing our street and park trees (notice the empty areas where large mature ash trees used to be at the Township Municipal Building). It is crucial that we maintain or increase our tree canopy, which provides so many health and environmental benefits.

Download or pick up a Tree Permit and select your new replacement street tree from the Township's Approved Tree List - Without Overhead Wires (or from the other two lists if overhead wires are present).

## STORM WATER

In the last few issues of the Hanoverview we've highlighted Storm Water and the MS4 requirements. You've also probably read about other municipalities enacting a fee to help fund the requirements the federal and state DEP has mandated local municipalities comply. The picture on the left leads to the picture on the right that contaminates the storm water system. Please clean up the street when you or a landscaper cut your grass. **What is becoming even worse is individuals are placing dog waste bags in the storm drains. This must stop!**





## Only Rain Down the Drain

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

## Everything Ends Up in Our Streams



This information is being shared to bring attention to recycling and how it fits into the overall cost of Residential Waste & Recycling. Our contract with our current contractor expires at the end of the calendar year and we'll be bidding an updated contract later this year.

The real cost associated with Recycling were always subsidized by the commodity value. Commodity value is based on the following:

Collection (curbside) + Processing (fixed costs at the material recycling facility) + Commodity (what markets will pay for each recyclable, i.e. cardboard-glass-plastic-aluminum) + residual (contamination)

Up until 5-years ago the "Commodity Value" averaged \$20.00 positive per ton. Several years ago, it was as high as \$50.00 per ton.

China was always the major importer of recycling from the US. China's economy was booming and lacking natural resources they were willing to accept recycling from the US which was upwards of 35% contaminated (trash).

In 2013 China instituted Green Fence which reduced the percentage of contamination to 5%, which correlates to less contamination. Subsequently, China introduced several new policies: China Sword, National Sword, Blue Sky and Blue Sky 2018.

What this means to the market is that residual (contamination) has dramatically increased. Public education became a priority to lower contamination. Contamination increased processing costs by nearly 100% at the same time that the Commodity Value(s) continued to slide lower. The Collection costs which were always a real cost increased anywhere from 100% - 200% because the real costs of collection was no longer subsidized by the Commodity Value!

In 2019 China banned ALL recycling imports from the US and basically the world. The US was left with huge stockpiles and scrambling for secondary markets. Those markets were Asia (Vietnam, Thailand, and Malaysia) and India. In 2017 China bought 1.26 million tons of recyclables from the US. In 2018 they bought 70,000 tons.

Early in 2020 India banned all mixed paper again creating stockpiles of material.

Currently, the "average value of the recycled ton" is anywhere from \$90-140...negative!

What does this mean and how does it affect Municipalities?

Based on 1,000 tons of single-stream, 5-years ago those 1,000 tons had a Commodity value of \$20,000. Based on 1,000 tons of single-stream today those 1,000 tons have a **negative** Commodity value of \$100,000. This equates to a swing of \$120,000 annual.

In this current market the biggest risk is the "unknown." To any potential bidder that risk needs to be based on trends and it is the responsibility of any bidder to mitigate those risks as much as possible which will undoubtedly lead to higher Residential Waste & Recycling fee under the new agreement.

## SMOKE FREE PARKS & TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

On March 24, 2020 the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2020 – 01 that contained the following: *"To prohibit the Smoking of and the use of all Tobacco Products and/or electronic cigarette products on or at all Township Owned Property to include but not be limited to the municipal building, public works facilities, parking lots and all areas of parks, playgrounds, recreational fields and open spaces."*

All Park Rules signs have updated signage and the American Lung Association donated signs that have also been placed in our parks.







## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT BAPL.ORG?

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

Check out an **e-book or audio book!**

Stream movies, television, and storybooks with **Kanopy and Kanopy Kids!**

Learn a new language with **Mango!**

Browse free digital magazines with **Flipster!**

Explore **local history** with our online archives, including our local history timeline and World War II clippings database, and rock out to the Lehigh Valley Underground Music Archive.

## GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD ONLINE

Don't have a card yet? Simply fill out the form at **[www.bapl.org/online-library-card/](http://www.bapl.org/online-library-card/)** to receive access to the library's online resources! Email [circ@bapl.org](mailto:circ@bapl.org) with account questions.

 **bapl.org is always open!**

## Locations & Hours

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

### Main Library

11 W. Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610.867.3761  
Mon. – Wed. 9AM – 8PM  
Thurs. & Fri. 9AM – 6PM  
Sat. 10AM – 5PM  
Sun. CLOSED

### South Side Branch

400 Webster Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610.867.7852  
Mon. – Thurs. 11AM – 8PM  
Sat. 12PM – 4PM  
Sun. & Fri. CLOSED

### BAPL Coolidge

2740 Fifth Street  
Bethlehem Township, 18020  
484.892.6267  
Tues 10AM - 3PM  
Weds 3PM- 8PM  
Alt Fri/Sat 10AM - 3PM



**The EZ Lend Kiosk is available whenever the Hanover Township Community Center is open.**





## How to Inspect Your Home Fire Extinguisher

A fire extinguisher is something most people don't think about until they need one.

While you may be able to use a home fire extinguisher to help you put out a small fire, you may find that it's of little value if it hasn't been kept in operating condition. Below are some helpful tips to help make sure your fire extinguisher is in proper working order.

### TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Before you buy or use a fire extinguisher, you should know what types of fires it is made to handle. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) says fire extinguishers are made to combat five types of blazes:

- Class A: Ordinary materials, like cloth, wood or paper
- Class B: Flammable liquids
- Class C: Appliance, electrical
- Class D: Metals
- Class K: Cooking oils

Some fire extinguishers may be made for more than one type of fire, and they will be labeled as such: "ABC" or "BC," for example.

### REGULAR FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION

Home fire extinguishers should be checked regularly to help make sure they are ready for use, says the USFA. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends reading the instructions that came with each extinguisher so that you are familiar with their parts and how they work.

The USFA suggests including the following steps in your inspection:

#### 1. Ensure Easy Access

Make sure the extinguisher is visible and easy to retrieve.

#### 2. Check the Pressure

Many fire extinguishers have a pressure gauge that indicates whether the device is in the proper operating range. If yours has one, check to make sure that the gauge's needle indicates proper pressure. If the fire extinguisher has a test indicator, press it to make sure the pressure reading is within the correct range.

#### 3. Look for Physical Damage

Check that the can, hoses and nozzles look to be in working in order. Visible signs of damage, such as dents or rust, may mean it's time to replace the extinguisher.

Documenting your checks on the extinguisher's inspection tag may help you keep track of its maintenance history.

#### 4. Clean the Extinguisher

Check the outside of each extinguisher for dust, oil or grease, and clean it as necessary.

Also, keep in mind that most fire extinguishers are good for 5 to 15 years, according to BobVila.com. Check the extinguisher's label or a paper tag for the expiration or last maintenance date. If it's 10 or more years ago, you may want to get a new fire extinguisher.

Fire extinguishers are often an overlooked part of a home safety plan. Do your checks, know how to use them (the NFPA states that your local fire department may be able to provide additional resources) and be sure your extinguishers are ready for use — just in case.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Congratulations to all individuals graduating under these most unique circumstances. Proud of our all these graduates: Nursery School, Pre-School, Kindergarten, 5th Graders, 8th Graders, High Schoolers; A.A., A.S., B.S., B.A., M.A., M.S., Ph.D., M.D., D.O., D.D.S., Pharm.D., RN, BN, MSN, etc. You will forever remember the last few months of your studies. *Good Luck in all your future endeavors.*

## THIS IS HANOVER TOWNSHIP • You live or work in Hanover Township – Northampton County

When European settlers' first saw when they looked upon the land that now comprises Hanover Township, Northampton County, was a watersparse wilderness covered with scruboaks. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that they called it "The Barrens" or "The Dry Lands". By the early nineteenth century, however, Pennsylvania Dutch farmers had turned the area into some of the most fertile farmland in the state. Originally, the Township was part of 23,000 acres which formed John and Richard Penn's "Manor of Fermor". In 1747, it became part of Allen Township, which was comprised of what are now Allen, East Allen, and the two Hanover Townships. Hanover Township was officially incorporated as a separate entity on August 8, 1798. The Township acquired its present boundaries in 1812 when Lehigh County was created. At that time, Hanover was split into two separate townships with approximately one third of the land and one-half of the population remaining in Northampton County. Farming predominated Township life throughout the nineteenth century and into the twentieth. During that time, development centered around the village of Hanoverville in the east and Schoenersville in the west. Each had a tavern, a store, a post office, and a handful of dwellings. Power for grist and sawmills and a brewery was provided by the Township's only stream, the Monocacy, which flows along the southeastern boundary. Until 1956, three one-room schools were the locations for the education of Township children. Schortz School, the oldest of the three, is located on Jacksonville Road, across from the present Hanover Elementary School. Knauss School was in the northeastern section of the Township on Hanoverville Road directly behind Golden View Dinner. The third school, Rudolph, was located on Jacksonville Road near the Schoenersville Road intersection and now houses Tanczos Beverages. In 1965, nine years after the opening of Hanover Elementary School, Hanover Township joined with three other local townships and the City of Bethlehem to form the Bethlehem Area School District. A second elementary school, Asa Packer, was built at the western end of Stoke Park Road on Kenwood Drive in 1967.

Population growth in the Township remained slow and steady until the 1920's when the trend toward suburbanization began. Hanover's population doubled between 1950 and 1960 and nearly tripled in the decade that followed. The 1990 Census showed 7,136 individuals living in the Township. During the next 10 years the population increased by 34% with the 2000 Census showing 9,563 residents. The 2010 census indicated the Township now has 10,866 residents a 13.6% increase over 2000. Han over Township today is a residential community with excellent recreation facilities, highlighted by the Hanover Township



*by John J. Finnigan, Jr.,  
Township Manager*

Community Center that opened in November of 1996. The township is located northwest of the City of Bethlehem allowing easy access to urban facilities. Well planned employment districts have been developed, allowing employment opportunities within the Township. Hanover Township is a Second Class Township under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. The current Board of Supervisors is comprised of John N. Diacogiannis; originally elected in 1984, after being appointed during 1984; John D. "Jack" Nagle, first elected in 1995, Susan A. Lawless, Esq., first elected in 2017 and Jeffrey M. Warren elected in 2019.

The Township Manager, John J. "Jay" Finnigan, Jr. is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the township. A fifteen year employee of the Township Jay was appointed in 1995 after serving six years on the Board of Supervisors.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 provides fire protection and police protection is handled by the Colonial Regional Police Department.

Unfortunately, many people think they live in the City of Bethlehem due to their mailing address. However, Hanover Township is a completely autonomous municipality, without any jurisdiction or oversight by the City. A very concrete example is the millage rate for Township taxes is currently 3.90 versus 18.22 in the City.

April 22 EARTH DAY – 50th Anniversary  
April 24 ARBOR DAY  
by the Shade Tree Advisory Committee

Both of these April holidays emphasize the importance of trees for our health and the health of the planet.

EARTH DAY 1970 inspired 20 million Americans - at the time, 10% of the total population of the United States - to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts.

Earth Day achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, urban dwellers and farmers, business and labor leaders. By the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. Then important laws were passed including the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. These laws have protected millions of men, women and children from disease and death and have protected hundreds of species from extinction.

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## TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*by Jay Finnigan, Deputy Emergency Manager*

Each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and 2,561 municipalities is required in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code or Title 35, Pa. C.S.A. Section 7503 (1) – to prepare, maintain, and keep current an emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster, prompt and effective response to disaster and disaster emergency relief and recovery in consonance with the Commonwealth Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP).

Using the same format as the CEOP, county and municipal Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) are functional plans containing several hazard-specific annexes. These EOPs define the organization, concept of operations and responsibilities of the departments and agencies of county governments and their municipalities in the prevention of, protections for, mitigation for, response to, and recovery from disasters.

A little known agency of Township government and response is our Emergency Management Team. Hanover's team is comprised of Christopher M. Post as the Coordinator assisted by three deputies, Vincent G. Milite, and Kristopher S. Mattson and John (Jay) J. Finnigan, Jr. During the COVID 19 incident Jay Finnigan and Vince Milite have assumed the leadership role as Chris Post's employment as a photo-journalist covering the COVID pandemic requires that he travel throughout the region. In emergency management, Jay Finnigan primarily serves as an incident coordinator, with Vince Milite assisting in

maintaining the Township's NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliance and Kris Mattson coordinating our administrative functions.

Hanover Township EOP was last updated and adopted by Resolution by the Board of Supervisors on December 19, 2019 and our Notification and Resource Manual was last updated January 7, 2020.

Hanover Township issued its first Declaration Of Disaster Emergency on March 16, 2020 when it became apparent that local resources would not be sufficient to deal with the pandemic as it unfolded. Since March 16th it was extended numerous times by the Board of Supervisors and most recently extended until the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Declaration Of Disaster Emergency is terminated.

Since March 16th the emergency management team has coordinated at a minimum weekly Zoom meetings with our emergency services partners – PD, Fire and EMS. It has also coordinated the acquisition of supplies that could not be sourced locally by requesting supplies through County and if they could not source the items, a request is forwarded to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Without getting too far in the weeds relative to the EOP on a high level it again provides a framework for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disaster, prompt and effective response to disaster and disaster emergency relief and recovery.

One situation that an EOP doesn't take into account is the COVID 19 pandemic that has spread across the world and hit our area extremely hard. However, using the same framework to work through a superstorm, snowstorm (Nor'easter), hurricanes (Sandy), flooding, etc. it has provided a framework to manage activities as we have operated under the Stay At Home Order.

### THIS IS HANOVER TOWNSHIP *continued*

One of the Earth Day campaigns is THE CANOPY PROJECT. Since 2010, the Earth Day Network has planted tens of millions of trees across the globe, improving our shared environment.

ARBOR DAY is the annual observance, begun in Nebraska in 1872, that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and tree care. On the first Arbor Day approximately one million trees were planted in Nebraska alone. Today Arbor Day is celebrated around the world as people and countries come to see the great value of trees.

The Arbor Day Foundation sponsors Time for Trees with the goal of planting 100 million trees by Arbor Day 2022. As of this spring over 70 million trees have already been planted by over 4 million new tree planters. You can add to this list in Hanover Township!

#### 1. Plant a new tree

**2. Replace your street tree if one of yours has died or is missing.** Fill out an on-line permit and select a tree from our Approved Tree List (found on-line), 2" minimum diameter. In most cases, use the "Without Overhead Wires" list.

**3. Appreciate the value of trees:** they clean the air, provide shade and reduce energy use, beautify our neighborhoods, provide homes for birds, and increase property value.

If you are planting or pruning, check these websites for proper techniques. How a tree is planted and pruned will impact its longevity.

[www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org) Click Tree Owner Information

[www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) Click Trees, then Planting and Care

If you hire someone to plant or prune, be sure they know the proper methods.



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## Essential Workers:



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

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

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

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