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Stephen R. Salvesen

Brooklyn born Steve Salvesen was always aware of the importance of citizen involvement

> in community affairs, his first involvement in active government was in Bloomington, Illinois. When Steve moved there a growing community was being run by "an old guard" who resented newcomers and change.

Attending a municipal meeting he offered his opinion and was told by a slightly agitated trustee, "If you don't like it, you change it!" It was then that Steve decided to become more active in running his community. He ran for and won a seat as a Bloomington Trustee, a position equal to a Township Supervisor.

Moving to Hanover in the late 1970's Steve began his service to the residents of Hanover Township in 1982 when he joined the Planning Commission. In 1984 he was elected to fill a seat on the Board of Supervisors that was vacated by Robert Hammer and thus commenced thirty-six years of service as a member of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors. He served as the Chairman of the Board from 1986 – 2003. During his final meeting on December 17, 2019 Mr. Diacogiannis appointed Mr. Salvesen Acting Chair for his final meeting. During the meeting Mr. Salvesen offered these remarks. "Tonight I have so many thing to be thankful for. First to all the voters who trusted my judgment and voted for me over the years. I hope that I have not disappointed you. Thankful for the staff that works so hard in the office, that pay bills, send out letters to developers and other, that prepare the agendas, list of bills, and budgets that make our work so much easier. To the professionals, that make sure that the Township is protected against law suits, that the plans that come before us meet Township codes and standards.

anoverview

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Thankful for a public works department that has made our parks and roads the envy of the valley and to the members of the board, past and present that have exhibited such a high degree of professionalism in all Township matters that have come before us. Last, but not least, to Jay (Finnigan) and John (Diacogiannis) for going out of their way to make last Friday so very special.

If there is one thing that I would like to be remembered for, is that I left the Township a little better than I found it. My sincerest thanks to all."

Steve's public service goes beyond Hanover Township. He also served as the Executive Director – Bethlehem Authority, Bethlehem; Borough Manager – Birdsboro, Berks County; Township Manager – Upper Nazareth, Northampton County & Borough Manager – Slatington Borough, Lehigh County.

Steve, his wife Helen and son Andrew have resided on Sydna Street for almost forty-five years. Steve and Helen are also very active at Advent Moravian Church.



Newly Elected Supervisor – Jeffrey M. Warren

As the son of a father who served in the U.S. Air Force, public service and contributions to community have always been at the core foundation of my being. I am excited and honored to begin serving our community at the onset of 2020 as Hanover Township Supervisor.

For over thirteen years, I was an aide to State Senator Lisa M. Boscola. I had the honor of working on Capitol Hill for

JEFF WARREN cont'd from page 1

Congressman Mike Doyle many years ago, and I also worked for a civil and municipal engineering company in the business development realm. Before my family moved to Hanover Township, I was elected and then re-elected to Easton City Council. In early 2019, I was appointed to Northampton County's Children, Youth & Families Advisory Board by the County Executive and currently serve as the Vice-Chair. Aside from serving the public in these capacities, I've had the privilege of volunteering for a number of non-profit organizations over the past twenty 20 years right here in our Lehigh Valley community, including: Miller-Keystone Blood Center, Valley Against Sex Trafficking (VAST), The Boys & Girls Club of Easton, and Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley. I currently work for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW). The mission of our CASA program is to assist foster children, through the family court process, who have been abused and/or neglected. Outside of my work with CASA SHaW, I am also a CASA volunteer advocate and peer coordinator.

These professional and volunteer experiences have been a blessing, and as the newest member of the Board of Supervisors, I look forward to working with a new group of experienced individuals to continue the tradition of fiscal stability and responsive governance here in our beloved community. My door will always be open, as I hope to communicate with our citizens as much as possible in the years to come.

I live with my spouse for over twelve years, Michelle, who is an amazing elementary school counselor in the Nazareth Area School District, along with our incredible 8-year old twin daughters, Addison and Abbigail.



Supervisor Warren takes the Oath of Office from Sr. District Magistrate Narlesky.

2020 CENSUS IS COMING!

by Michael J. Prendeville

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.

Online responses for the 2020 census will be open on March 16th and will close July 31st. Some households may receive paper questions starting in March and will serve as an alternative to going on line. In some cases, census workers may go door to door in under-reported areas. Census data is essential for the disbursement of government funding such as public infrastructure improvements, housing programs, school lunches, special education funding, Medicaid – just to name a few. Equally important, census data helps to determine the representation communities have in government.

As mandated by the Constitution and conducted every 10 years, census data provided \$39 billion dollars every year for Pennsylvania alone. According to the Morning Call, 30% of Lehigh Valley residents (670,000 residents) were not counted during 2010 resulting in the forfeiture of \$1.4 billion dollars in government funding each year. For each person not counted, the Lehigh Valley loses \$2,093 per person per year. Furthermore, if the 2020 census results in undercounting rates similar to 2010, Pennsylvania is forecasted to lose one congressional seat after the 2020 census.

Our region has experienced tremendous growth resulting in pressures on our infrastructure and resources. Please be sure and do your part and be counted. The 2020 census is coming!

STREET LIGHTS

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

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

HAPPY 2020 — I WAS WRONG!



"20-20" hindsight — I was wrong. I must now admit that I made a statement in my last Hanoverview article that turned out to be incorrect. Actually, it's all good — for the present time. I'll get to this later. For now, let me introduce membership changes in the Board of Supervisors.

> In December, we bid a fond adieu to Supervisor and Past Chairman Steve Salvesen. Countless friends, colleagues and town-

ship citizens gave him well deserved recognition of his dedication and commitment to Hanover for nearly 40 years. Steve was the longest serving member of the Board of Supervisors, having completed 36 years of service. Prior to that, he had been a member of the Hanover Township Planning Commission. Steve joined the Board in 1984 and served as Chairman from 1986 to 2002. During those years of dedicated service, we experienced tremendous change in our community. Through well planned and carefully measured growth we were able to achieve balanced development that has made Hanover the envy of the Lehigh Valley. Steve provided a thoughtful and focused view to every issue that we encountered over those many years. Steve was a fiscal stalwart who helped us achieve the financial stability we all benefit from. He was the compass that kept us on the right path. I am grateful for his support during my years as Chairman. I wish him well and hope that he will continue to provide that directional beacon.

In January, Jeff Warren was welcomed as our newest Supervisor. He previously served two terms on Easton City Council. He also worked for State Senator Lisa Boscola and Congressman Mike Doyle. The Board is pleased to have someone with Jeff's knowledge and experience joining us. We look forward to working together to address the issues at hand and the many that will evolve in the years to come.

Let's get back to my error. In my last article about the fiscal pressures that we are currently experiencing, I stated that there was a distinct possibility of a small tax increase. On a side note: with our very low tax rate, even a relatively small absolute increase would be viewed as a very large percentage increase. Those pressures include increased manpower needs for our police department and increased infrastructure maintenance costs. Fortunately, I was wrong. A few weeks after that article was written, township staff presented us a balanced budget that did not require any tax increase. To be sure, Colonial Regional Police Department is expected to add two new officers to the force this year. Those costs have been primarily offset by super efforts of our Public Works Department to pare down their budget and to delay some equipment purchases. We have been assured that none of this will impact the level of service that they are currently providing. We were pleased to note that the property tax rate remains 3.9 mills, which has not been increased in 26 years. Last year, we had the second lowest rate out of 38 municipalities in Northampton County.

Here's the catch and I feel compelled to say it. The fiscal pressures that I mentioned in that article are not going away. I dare say that they will continue and be compounded by issues that are still evolving, such as storm-water management regulatory impacts, our own pool issue and the changing market cycle for recyclable waste. Those are real. Others are conjecture. I would suggest a reread of my previous article. It's not in depth and not all inclusive, but it sets the paradigm that we are working in. My prediction of a tax increase and/or fee increases is a question of when, not if. I hope that I'm wrong, but we can't expect to "find" available funds in other departments forever. Regardless of how well we can weather these pressures on the short term, we need to prepare for a 5 to 10 year horizon.

I can assure you that your Board takes a very strong position on fiscal responsibility.

2020 Township Budget by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager

The 2020 Budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors maintains the Township Tax Rate at 3.9 mills, including the Fire Tax of .5 mills, for the thirteenth consecutive year. Hanover Township remains on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township Board of Supervisors and

Township staff the Township has become and continue as one of the premier loca-

tions to live and work in the Lehigh Valley.

During 2020, Hanover Township projects receiving \$9,314,320 in General Fund Revenue. Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to real estate taxes, fire tax, waste and recycling fees, earned income tax, local services taxes, mercantile taxes, real estate transfer taxes, grants, and building and inspection fees. The General Fund expenditures include costs associated with Public Works, Administration, Planning and Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Refuse and Recycling and the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

FIRE COMPANY

EMS CORNER

by Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS Call Statistics for 2019

Medical Emergencies	2,049
Motor Vehicle Accidents	160
Fire Support	213
Total calls for the year	. 2,422



Public Safety

WHAT IS AN EMT???

Emergency Medical Technicians, or EMTs, are health care professionals who help sick and injured individuals in emergency medical situations. These first responders respond to medical incidents and accident scenarios where they provide care and facilitate transportation to more advanced medical facilities. EMTs are healthcare heroes who save lives. An EMT is certified by the Department of Health to provide emergency care to patients.

Most people can go their entire lives without making a life or death decision. Most emergency medical technicians (EMT) cannot go a single day without making one. This is one of the most rewarding and exciting ways to help your community.

EMT's are dispatched by 911 emergency operators. After arriving on the scene, they work with other emergency personnel (fire fighters and police) to stabilize and transport patients to hospitals.

EMT training can help build a foundation of first aid knowledge that you can apply to your own adventures and keep handy for other emergencies.

HOW TO YOU BECOME AN EMT?

You must be at least 16 years old. You register to take the course. There are day and evening classes available. Stop by our station or contact kpeters@htvfc.org to learn more about this rewarding and exciting opportunity.

EMT training can help build a foundation of first aid knowledge that you can apply to your own adventures and keep handy for other emergencies.

The EMT course covers a variety of different tasks including dealing with fractures, bleeding, cardiac emergencies and respiratory emergencies. To complete the basic coursework you will need to pass the state written and practical exam.

The best part is you can take the training **FREE OF CHARGE**.

EVER CONSIDER WORKING IN HEALTHCARE?

EMT's can advance their training to become a paramedic, nurse or other healthcare professionals. Becoming

HELP US HELP YOU! EMERGENCY RESPONDERS NEEDED

The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to assist in the many different aspects of our organization. We have the three operational divisions: Fire, EMS and Fire Police and we also have the administrative division. If you are interested in helping in one or more of the divisions we will provide all the training for those positions at no cost to you.

People don't realize not every firefighter actually fights fire. We have many jobs on calls that need to be done that don't actually involve fighting the fire such as setting up ladders, hooking the engine up to the fire hydrant, controlling traffic at accidents etc.

So even if you are not interested in actually fighting the fire we can still use your help! If you are interested in exploring how you can help out your community by being a firefighter, EMT or Fire Police Officer, stop by the station at 100 Stoke Park Rd any Monday night which is our training night between 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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The Township will be replacing two (2) pickup truck trucks with Chevrolet 3500's in 2020. During 2020 road resurfacing is anticipated to be completed on Stoke Park Road and the Highland Avenue intersection with S.R. 0512.

During 2020, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$864,612 in Recreation Revenues. Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to memberships, season pool passes, rental of facilities, daily pool receipts, swim lessons, fundraising, program fees, catering, advertising – newsletter, preschool tuition, programs and fundraisers. The 2020 Recreation expenditures include costs associated with salaries, operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, pool and park maintenance and training, fundraising costs and services. We also plan on replacing the following equipment in the fitness room: Hammer Strength Plate Loaded Seated Calf Raise, Hammer Strength Select Bicep Curl, and Hammer Strength Select Triceps Extension

As of December 2019 the Township was not encumbered by any debt.

Hanover Township Community Center **Recreation News** www.hanovercommunitycenter.com



HTCC

Hanover Days Community Carnival

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Spots Limited, Register Now

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Camps Start

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Camp Registration Dates:

Current Families (from 2019): Opens March 2

New Families: Opens March 16



Wednesday, May 6: 6 pm – 9 pm \$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Thursday, May 7: 6 pm – 9 pm \$20 per child Ride Special, Live Music

Friday, May 8: 6 pm – 10 pm Live Music, Special Event Sponsors

Friday, May 9: 4 pm – 10 pm

Live Music, Pony Ride and Petting Zoo

Food * Games * Rides * Clowns * Balloon Artist * Basket Raffle * Live Music * Knocker Ball * Pony Rides * Petting Zoo

*Basket Raffle includes over \$3000.00 in prizes mixed into 15 plus themed baskets. Baskets are displayed at the Community Center starting March 1st and end May 9th. Stop by today and buy tickets!

Hanover Starz Cheerleading Registration

Come join us for one of the largest and fastest growing programs at the community center! Girls & Boys ages 4 and up will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading, cheer for a youth sport in spring and fall and compete in 5 or 6 local competitions. This program promotes building confidence, character, community, and teamwork in every girl. For more information, please come to one of the registration dates below to speak with a board member, or email Amy Gold propjet63@rcn.com

Practices Days & Times: TBD

Program runs: July - early December

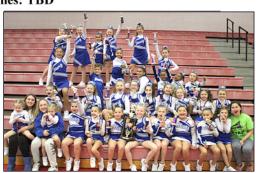
Registration Dates at HTCC Saturday, May 2, 11 am - 1pm

& Tuesday May 5, 7 - 9 pm

\$140.00 (1st – 8th grade), \$125.00 (9^{th -} 12th grade), and

\$105 registration fee (Pre-K & K)

PAYMENT IFROMATION: Amount must be paid in full at registration (non-refundable)



CASH OR CHECK TO HANOVER STARZ ONLY (NO credit cards)

ALSO, DUE AT REGISTRATION: \$50 Mandatory Raffle ticket fundraiser (cash or check to Hanover Starz)

Please visit us at www.hanoverstarz.com for more information

Operation "Flip Flop"

The Hanover Township Community Center is teaming up with Angel 34/Derek's Camp Flip Flop for Operation "Flip Flop". This campaign benefits Angel 34– Derek's Camp Flip Flop in providing children with leukemia the opportunity to have a free fun filled week at the beach! The Community Center will have a drop box in the lobby that will be accepting donations during the months of April and May. If you need ideas of what you can donate please see the "giving tree" with ornaments that have ideas on it that will support this great non-profit! Some items include: sand toys, beach towels, water toys, bubbles, boogie boards, etc. 5

Lifestyle Programming

Lifestyle programs continue most of the year. We offer many different opportunities for our 55+ members to meet new people, expand their social circle, maintain a healthy and active lifestyle, and HAVE Fun! Questions?? Please call or stop in today!

Foundations of Proper Nutrition

Presented by Ken Bartynski, NTP of KLB Wellness Tuesday, March 3rd at 1pm Ken will talk about the five foundations that make up proper nutrition and how it will benefit your health. Cost is \$1, MUST Register at Front Desk by March 2nd!

A Matter of Balance

Presented by the Bethlehem Health Bureau An 8-Wk award-winning program designed to manage falls & increase activity levels. Thursdays March 26th to May 14th 1pm-3pm

Cost is \$10, MUST Register at Front Desk by March 24th

Bowel Dysfunction

Presented by St. Luke's Erin Donohue, PT, DPT, CPed Tuesday, March 31st at 1pm

Do you have bowel dysfunction? (diarrhea/constipation) Erin has a new presentation on exercises & other changes you can make to improve your symptoms.

Cost is \$1, MUST Register at Front Desk by March 30th!

Extreme Snack Makeover

Tuesday, April 7th at 1pm Join GIANT Food Stores Nutritionist, Sarah Glunz, to discover ways to have your snacks AND stay healthy! Cost is \$1, MUST Register at Front Desk by April 6th!

Pelvic Floor Conditions

Presented by St. Luke's Erin Donohue, PT, DPT, CPed Tuesday, May 5th at 1pm
The Fall program was so well received, Erin is back...
Discover how pelvic floor PT can help with common

conditions such as incontinence, post-prostatectomy, & pelvic organ prolapse. And get info on changes you can make to improve your symptoms.

Cost is \$1, MUST Register at Front Desk by May 4th!

Spring Social with Entertainment by Lori & James Wednesday, May 13th at 1PM

Entertainment with Lori & James, savory & sweet finger foods and non-alcoholic drinks...come spend the afternoon with friends and some good music! Members: \$8 Non-members: \$12

MUST Register at Front Desk by May



Sponsored by:



<u>Art with Karyn</u>

Once a Month on a Tuesday at 1pm Karyn will have a different "project" each month! Call the Front Desk at HTCC for this month's project! Average Cost \$30

Afternoon Matinee

Every Monday at 1:00 pm Members: \$1 Non-members: \$2 <u>Bridge</u> Mondays at 1:00 pm Members: FREE Non-members: \$1 Beginners and experienced players welcome! <u>Mahjongg</u> Wednesdays at 1:00 pm Members: FREE Non-members: \$1 Learn the basics of the game of mahjongg! <u>Pinochle</u> Thursdays at 1:30 pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1 Beginners and experienced players welcome! <u>Hand & Foot (Version of Canasta)</u> Fridays at 1:00 pm Members: FREE Non-members: \$1 Beginners and experienced players welcome

<u>Cooking with Joan</u> Second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm Members: \$4 Non-members: \$8 <u>Book Group Discussion</u>

Usually the Third Monday of the Month at 3 pm Stop in at HTCC for List of Books we're reading!

Community Bingo

First Thursday of *every* month! 6:30 pm Early Bird/ 7:00 pm Start Please join us for a fun evening at HTCC. **Cash Prizes**. Each month a different local non-profit partner is highlighted!

<u>March 7th</u>: Mind Your Brain Conference@PennMedicine (Brain Injury Awareness Month) <u>April 2nd</u>: PSU THON <u>April 30th (May's Bingo)</u>: Derek's Camp Flip Flop (Childhood Cancer) June 4th: Westminster Village Adult Day Service

SUNDAY, June 16, 2020 - Pampered Chef Bingo for HTCC Parks & Rec Programs

<u>July 2nd:</u> Paws2Freedom <u>August 6th</u>: Monocacy Farm Project



SENIOR CARE

To us, it's personal.

John Phillip Sousa Concert Sunday, April 26th Hanover Township Community Center Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

Come listen to the patriot sounds of the Liberty Alumni Band and Easton Municipal Band inside the Community Center Light refreshments provided!

Women Move for Health Walking/Running Program and Annual Women's 5K

Do you sometimes imagine yourself fit and strong - striding effortlessly down the road during an easy workout or a 5K race?

This gradual 12-week program will help you comfortably progress from the couch to walking, jogging or running at a pace that's right for you.

The Women Move for Health Program meets twice a year at Hanover. In the spring program, we have the honor of hosting the goal event for all the Women Move for Health programs in the area. Last year we hosted 300 women in this amazing event. The best thing about the Women Move for Health Program is the education and satisfaction of supporting each other as each participant improves their abilities.



WMFH Group Christmas Lights Tour Run

Spring Program will be meeting on Thursdays starting on March 26th at 6 pm

Registration is taken through the Community Center – either by mail, fax, walk in or internet registration.

Fees: \$45 members & early registration thru March 7th / \$50 after March 7

Lorie Khalil, PSU-LV Women's HEAD Coach CO-ED Basketball Clinic



Friday, April 10th Ages 7-15 9:00 am - 12:00 pm



This is an indoor activity clinic. This clinic is structured for players of all levels looking to improve their basketball skills.

Fees: \$25 per child

Call now to sign up or register online, www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny returns to HTCC to enjoy an afternoon with the children. The bunny will bring **2000** *filled* eggs to be hid between the three different age groups. Please note that registration will be limited in each age group in order to ensure all participants are able to collect enough eggs. We encourage you to register early in order to ensure a spot for your child/children. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held inside the Community Center. *Egg Hunt requires pre-registering!*

Date: Saturday - March 21, 2020 (rain or shine)

Price: \$6 per child

Age Divisions: (limited to 50 spots per group)

0 - 2yrs - Hunt starts @ 12pm

3 - 5yrs - Hunt starts @ 12:30pm

6 - 8yrs - Hunt starts @ 1pm

12 - 1pm - Activities with the Easter Bunny and activity with Wingmans Bethlehem!

Egg Hunt Includes: Filled Easter eggs, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, and coloring activities!

Pickleball Open Gym

Have you heard of or played Pickle ball yet? If not come check out our open gym time to observe the sport taking over both outside and inside courts. At least 1 court will be set up for this open time and equipment will be on hand.

Mondays 10:30am-11:30am (except Holidays)

March & April

Free for members, \$3 for non-members



Community Center Home to THREE 1,000 point basketball players

Not often can you say that you know an athlete who has accomplished such a feat of scoring 1,000 points in their career in basketball. Well, the Community Center has 3 members who have done so either in high school or college!

Bill Werpehowski, 90, resides in Hanover Township and played college basketball at Moravian College, class of 1951. Bill was the first 1,000-point scorer at Moravian as a junior. He went on to win second team All-State honors at Moravian, where he averaged 24 points a game as a senior, eighth in the country.

Eugene Witiak, 82, resides in Hanover Township and played high school basketball at Ridley Township, PA from 1951-1955. He went on to play at Susquehanna University from 1956-1959 and ended his collegiate career with 1,004 points. He started every game in each of 4 years. At that time they only played 20 games per season and he averaged 15.5 points his Junior and Senior years.

Michael Torba, 87, also resides in Hanover Township and played his high school basketball at Whitehall High School, 46' - 50'. He amassed 1155 points in his high school career at Whitehall. He went on to Central University in Florida but left early to serve in the Navy.



Bill Werpehowski





Michael Torba



Eugene Witiak





an EMT is a great way to get involved in the healthcare profession.

SANTA DAY

A great big Thank you to all our residents for your generous donations and treats you gave Santa and his elves. Our members look forward to this day every year. We could have done without the rain this year but we all still had a great time. It is so much fun to see how excited everyone



including our furry friends are to see Santa. Thank you to the residents who helped us by posting on the Hanover resident's forum our locations throughout the day.



WEGMANS' DONATION

Thank you to Wegmans once again for their gracious donation of the apples, candy canes, dog treats and lunch for Santa and his elves for Santa Day. Santa Day is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this donation makes it possible for us to use all of the donations we receive towards our operational expenses.

FUNDRAISING

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

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS NEEDED — HELP US HELP YOU.... COME JOIN OUR TEAM

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volun-

teers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are different divisions within our company: Administrative positions, Firefighting, Fire Police, or EMS. All required training and equipment provided at no cost. If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station, or stop by during Monday Night Training at 7:00 pm.

Visit our website: http://www.htvfc.org. LIKE US ON FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/HTVFCPA



REPUBLIC SERVICES *Residential Waste & Recycling*

If you have an issue with the collection of your Residential Waste & Recycling please call the Republic Services Customer Service Line at 484-273-3940. Please describe your issue and obtain the following information:

1. Issue

4.

- 2. Date of Call
- 3. Time of Call
 - Republic Services representatives name
- 5. Expected Resolution Date & Time

If your issue isn't resolved timely, please contact the Township Offices at 610.866.1140 and we'll follow up on your behalf with Republic Services. By providing us with items 1-5 it will assist us following up with Republic's Leadership Team.

– FAKE NEWS & ALTERNATE FACTS, POSTING ISSUES

In the few years we've grown accustom to the terms "fake news" and "alternate facts". Over the past few year's blogs, twitter accounts, Facebook, etc. all offer individual the opportunity to post information or just vent. If you want factual information on the Township please visit our website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org), our Facebook page or simply pick up the phone and call the

Township offices @ 610.866.1140. You might not like the information you're provided, but you'll get accurate and factual information.

Additionally, please don't post issues on Facebook pages and expect Township staff to be monitoring them. If there is an issue, call the Township offices or the dial 911 in an emergency and it will be investigated.

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DISTRACTED DRIVING AND YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES

by Scott R. Milham, Fire Chief

A s I write the final draft of this article on 1/12/2020 I am deeply saddened by the fact th in the first 12 days of 2020, 5 emergency responsion have been killed by getting struck by vehicles working at the scene of a vehicle crash or breakdown. These five individuals lost the while selflessly helping others. One of the uals was a paramedic from Western killed in Lubbock Texas were a fir police officer. And the final two were ators who were both struck while loading a contheir trucks.

I tried to find some information on how many emergency responders, tow truck operators and roadway workers were killed in 2019 after being struck by vehicles. However after searching for a while it dawned on me that I didn't really need to

know how many because 1 is too many! Unfortunately today there are way too many distractions to driving safely. The biggest distraction is the cell phone. However I personally have seen some very strange things done by others while they were driving. People putting on makeup, reading a book or the newspaper, shaving their face and playing the

piccolo while traveling at 65 miles on hour on 476. Many of the motor vehicle accidents that our fire company responds to are caused by distracted or



inattentive driving. None of the people who killed the 5 e m e r g e n c y r e s p o n d e r s intended to do so but due

to not paying attention or driving too fast when emergency vehicles are present etc. they did kill someone. Please pay attention while driving your life and ours are at stake!

Many people do not understand that it is the law that they must yield to emergency vehicles while they are responding and on the scene of an emergency. When an emergency vehicle is coming up behind you with its lights and siren on, proper way to yield is to pull to the right to allow pass you on the left side. When on a two lane oth directions of traffic should pull to the right eby giving the emergency vehicle safe travel wn the middle of the road. We respond to approxmately 550 emergency calls per year and on almost every one of those calls someone yields improperly by stopping in the lane of travel so that the emergency vehicle then has to go around you which is much more unsafe than if you pull to the right. So help us get to our emergency safely by pulling to the right to let us pass.

Pennsylvania enacted the steer clear law to help keep emergency responders, road workers etc. safe while working on the side of the road or in the lane of the road. The law requires you to move one lane



over from the lane the incident is in to give them room to work. If the incident is on the shoulder then you need to move to the passing lane. However if there is no other lane to move over to then reduce your speed greatly so that you will pass the

incident slowly instead of at highway speeds. Many times we are on 22 at a motor vehicle accident or other call and traffic is flying by at 60 miles an hour like we are not even there. Whenever you see flashing lights on the highway or any roadway, whether they are red, blue, yellow or even the hazard lights of a disabled vehicle, move over and slow down, not only is it the law but it's the right thing to do. We emergency responders simply want to do our jobs and go home at the end of the call or

> shift to our families and by paying attention while driving and steering clear of our incidents or slowing down to safely pass us, you can help us do just that.



Harrisburg Update

Building a Better Pennsylvania in 2020

by State Rep. Marcia Hahn 138th Legislative District

The second half of the 2019-20 Legislative Session is officially underway, and I couldn't be

more excited to get back to work for the people of the 138th District. Many of the priorities we are taking on during this session are extensions of our efforts from last year. These include measures taken to grow our agriculture, help our first responders, improve our fiscal responsibility, take the lead in job creation, reform the criminal justice system and more.

Here are a few of the highlights from last year:

Growing PA Agriculture – Agriculture is our state's top industry and helps put food on our tables each and every day. To support the industry and the millions of people it employs, we passed a series of laws to help it grow and thrive well into the future. We in the Legislature passed a comprehensive package of bills that will help Pennsylvania's agriculture industry grow and thrive, including:

- Increasing our state's overall investment in agriculture by \$19.5 million or 12.7%.
- Recognizing the importance of animal health, new line items devote \$2 million to the Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission and \$1 million to livestock and consumer health protection.
- Restoring funding for programs eliminated by the governor's proposal, including agricultural research; agricultural promotion, education and exports; hardwoods research and promotion; and the livestock and open dairy shows.

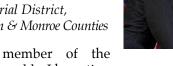
Helpers and Heroes – Recognizing the challenges facing the fire and emergency medical services we rely upon to protect our communities, we passed more than a dozen bills that encourage volunteerism, enhance access to training and provide more flexible funding options to emergency response organizations.

Government Done Right – Taxpayers deserve an effective and efficient government that focuses on providing core services. Earlier this year, we worked to improve our operations by repealing out-of-date laws, reexamining the effectiveness of some state boards and commissions, identifying opportunities to reduce costs and cutting red tape. We also passed the most significant reforms to our election process in decades.

I welcome your feedback on these and any other issues of concern you may have. Feel free to contact my office by calling 610-746-2100, or through my website, RepHahn.com.

Senate Pro Tempore Calls for Property Tax Vote

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



As a member of the General Assembly, I have tire-

lessly fought for relief from the burdensome school property tax. As I continue this fight, I applaud Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati's recent call for a vote by the full Pennsylvania Senate on school property tax reform.

In an interview with online news outlet Capitolwire following his re-election to the Senate's top post, Scarnati said having a floor vote is warranted since many senators have spoken for years about wanting to take action to reform school property taxes.

Every week we are in the Capitol is another week that citizens in my district, especially our seniors, are suffocating under the weight of ever-increasing school property taxes. Many individuals have reached out to me to say that school property taxes should be eliminated for all – I agree with them. I would vote for full elimination tomorrow; however, to date, those proposals have not had the votes to pass.

I encourage those citizens who support full elimination to reach out to their senator or representative, especially if he or she is not a supporter, and urge their support.

I have introduced many legislative measures over my career in both the House and Senate. Most recently, I introduced Senate Bill 805 to provide the revenue necessary to eliminate school property taxes on owneroccupied homes via the homestead exclusion. This legislation followed the Constitutional Amendment question passed by voters in 2017 expanding the homestead exclusion to 100 percent of a home's assessed value.

In addition, I will be introducing legislation in the near future providing for much needed school property tax relief for senior citizens across the Commonwealth. The measure would provide for a property tax rebate of up to \$5,000 for all seniors age 65 and older who have an annual household income of less than \$60,000.

If I could single-handedly force change, I would. But it takes 26 senators, 102 representatives and the governor to pass any proposal. However, I am encouraged by Senator Scarnati's remarks in favor of a Senate vote on school property tax reform.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-863-1200 or mscavello@pasen.gov.



2020 Real Estate Tax Bills

Your real estate tax bill will be mailed to each property owner by the first week in February. If you do not receive your bill by mid-February or if you have any tax questions, please call Berkheimer Tax Administrators at 866.300.1714 or 610.599.3143. Payments will not be accepted at the Township's Municipal office. You may pay your bill in person at Berkheimer Outsourcing, 1530 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 Monday through Friday only.

2020 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2020 calendar year will be mailed to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the middle of February please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 231 for Emily. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited into our mail slot (front of building) during nonbusiness hours.

A new calendar can be found online at: https://hanovertwp-nc.org/wp-content/uploads/ 2020/01/2020-Residential-Waste-Recycling-Calendar.pdf.

Shade Tree Advisory Board

TREE TIPS

Winter (the dormant season) is the best time to prune your shade trees. Call an ISA arborist (a member of the International Society of Aboriculture) and have your tree(s) professionally



pruned if they are too large for you to handle.

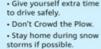
Never allow your tree to be topped, a very harmful practice.

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

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

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







WHY BE SALT SMART?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FOR THE LIBRARY'S

2020 BOOK SALES

Jan. 29 & Feb. 1 March 25 & 28 May 13 & 16

July 15 & 18 September 16 & 19 December 2 & 5

Wednesdays noon-8PM Saturdays 10AM-4PM Main Library, 11 W. Church Street in Bethlehem

Each sale features **over 15,000 gently used titles** to choose from, including fiction and nonfiction for children and adults, plus movies and music. Sales are Wednesdays and Fridays at the Main Library. (We need two full days between each sale to restock because we receive so many donations!) Our Saturday sales are less congested and great for browsing.

Come to a BAPL Book Sale and find out why we're **"the best book** sale in the Lehigh Valley!" Find out more at bestbooksale.org.

Please note that scanners (scanning the title or ISBN) are not permitted during the first day of the book sale on Wednesdays.



Locations & Hours

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



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

& bapl.org is always open!



ASA PACKER

by Jaclyn Bzura – PTA Vice President

After nearly two weeks off from school, Asa Packer Elementary is in full swing! The PTA had their first meeting of the new year on January 7, 2020, that included special guest, Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Roy. In that meeting, parents had the opportunity to hear and discuss the many happenings in our school and district as a whole.

Looking ahead, the PTA is happy to announce that all of their fundraising efforts and parental participation is on target and within budget to once again offer all the exciting field trips and educational programs to the students at Asa Packer School. Currently, with the wonderful assistance of Asa Packer's teachers, we are running the fundraiser "Pies for Pigs". If you haven't tried Matey's frozen pizza pies, we urge you to consider purchasing a couple; also knowing that you helped 3rd, 4th and 5th graders experience a day at the ball field for an Iron Pigs game.

These next few weeks are full of lively opportunities for the students at Asa Packer. On January 19th, the PTA hosted Roller Skating Night at Skateaway; free for all students and their families. Shortly after, Kira Willey presented the benefits of Music, Movement and Mindfulness for an assembly on January 24th. That evening we will welcome families to join us for Chuck E. Cheese Night, which will be supporting the wonderful and extremely well-done musical performances by Asa's Puma Performers. Finally, students and families had the chance to taste the world at Asa's Annual International Dinner night on January 31st.

During the next several cold winter months, the PTA will be yearning for warmer weather and planning for major events like; Movie Night, Scholastic Book Fair, Arts Day, the Talent Show, the 5th Grade Picnic, Patio Party and many more fundraisers and opportunities to unite and foster the minds of our growing Asa Packer students. Thanks to our strengthening parent involvement and volunteers, the PTA can continue to broaden and support the numerous educational programs offered at Asa Packer Elementary School.

You can follow their activities and achievements by visiting (http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/asapacker/). Also, keep any eye out for the many fundraisers and volunteer opportunities brought to you by the Asa Packer PTA (http://asapackerpta.org).

School News

Vision — At Hanover, we empower students to be respectful, responsible, critical thinkers and lifelong learners in a culturally diverse world. As the cold weather sets in we can reflect on the amazing first part of the school year! Our students and staff were part of an energy, fun filled Harvest Day celebration. The Lighthouse Team traveled to The Traditions of Hanover to sing some Holiday Songs, they did an amazing job! The calendar of events and happenings is full of opportunities for students and families to complete community outreach projects and numerous PTA and Student Council sponsored activities.

Our PTA will hosted Chuck E Cheese Night on January 23rd, it was a fun night for all! Also, our community partner, Copperhead Grille will host our Dine and Donate was on January 27th. Thanks for supporting a great cause.

We will strive to be a "No Place For Hate" school as we complete projects throughout the year to obtain the "No Place For Hate" designation. The program is designed to teach tolerance, learn about diversity and acceptance for all. Our PTA hosted movie night on January 31st at Nitschmann Middle School, and the fun will continue throughout the winter and spring! Thank you to the staff members, students, PTA, parents, and community partners for being part of our recipe for success. We look forward to another year filled with academic and personal growth as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks.

Always shovel snow from the storm drains. Shovel snow onto vegetated areas, where meltwater can soak into the ground. This reduces runoff that goes down storm drains

and directly to rivers

HANOVER

by Erin Hines, Principal

WATER & SEWER

The City of Bethlehem provides public water and sewer service for the majority of the Township. If you have an issue with either of these utilities, such as discolored water, contact them directly at: 610.865.7074.

If you live south of Route 22, your water provider is Utilities, Inc. (Community Utilities of Pennsylvania Inc.) and their contact number is 1.800.638.0262. There email address is: customerservice@uiwater.com.



Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 16, 2020. An event is in the planning stages for the ceremony to be held at Armed Services Park at the corner of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road starting at 10:00 a.m.

• PROTECT OUR WATERSHED •

WINTER TIPS



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



RECYCLE Save money by reclaiming salt for reuse by sweeping or vacuuming the solids from the sidewalk or driveway after the storm.



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

STORAGE

Practice good

housekeeping by

storing salt or other

de-icers under a roof

or other cover to

minimize polluted

runoff.



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



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

2020 TAXES – PROPERTIES IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Taxing Entity	Assessed Value	Mill Rate	Tax Bill
Bethlehem Area School District	\$50,000	56.26	\$2,813.00*
County of Northampton	\$50,000	11.8	\$590.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$100,000	56.26	\$5,626.00*
County of Northampton	\$100,000	11.8	\$1,180.00
Township of Hanover	\$100,000	3.9	\$390.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$150,000	56.26	\$8,439.00*
County of Northampton	\$150,000	11.8	\$1,770.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00
* Italic indicates an increase			



• View the 2020 E-waste Recycling Collection Schedule at www.northamptoncounty.org •

_____ by Michael J. Prendeville

A Word About the Hanover Pool.

After 40+ years, our community pool experienced a catastrophic failure. Within a week, a Maryland based pool repair contractor performed a preliminary site inspection and confirmed that the pool had multiple leaks with the primary leak coming from one of the main drains in the deep end. Since nearly 200,000 gallons of water drained out in a few short days, (that's a staggering 2,200



gallons an hour) our engineer suggested that we perform a comprehensive geotechnical survey to determine the integrity of the land supporting the pools foundation. After all, where did that much water go in such a short period of time? If you think about typical perc test, 200-400 gallons of water is expected to dissipate within a 24hour period. To complicate matters, the bottom of pool structure is supported by a complex network of steel rebar overtopping a network of pipes. With the potential of significant voids, any immediate and temporary patch repair were impossible.

During late Q3 2019, the Board created a Pool Advisory Board. The mission of the Pool Advisory Board is to develop alternatives to present to the Board. The advisory board has an experienced and diverse membership. Members consist of Michael Prendeville -Supervisor, Susan Lawless – Supervisor, Dale Traupman – Planning Commission member, Michael Stasak – Recreation Advisory Board member, Evan Kocon – Swim Team coach, Nicole Hamburg – Pool Manager.

Since expenses for the geotechnical survey qualified for its own budget line, pool related expenses could not begin until the new year and

new budget. At the suggestion of Jay Finnigan, Township Manager, the Board approved an allocation of \$220,000 for pool related issues in 2020. As we are now in a new year in which budgeted funds are available, the pool advisory board suggested that Terracon, a Kansas-based engineering company which specializes in situations like this, aid in investigating the extent of the problem. As of this writing, Terracon is planning a site visit in order to develop a proposal for a comprehensive geotechnical survey. The results of that discovery should allow for clarity on next steps.

Sadly, there are no quick fixes. That being said, the pool will continue to be closed in 2020. As we continue to work through this process, we will note updates during our public meetings. Stay tuned.....

Hanover Township Lion's Club

Left to right: Lohn McGaughey, Paul Tanzosh, Paul Scheltzer, and Dick Lambert.

White Cane Day at Turkey Hill, a benefit hosted by the Lions Club, helps the blind and visually impaired residents of Hanover Township.

Board of Supervisors

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

- Re-elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- Re-elected Michael Prendeville
- Re-appointed James Broughal Township Solicitor
- Re-appointed Brien Kocher as Township Engineer
- Re-appointed Dale Traupman and Martin Gilchrist to the Planning Commission
- Re-appointed Robert Roll, Michaels W. Stasak, Jr., Thomas Dredge, Jon-Erik Miller and Melissa Garcsar to the Recreation Advisory Board
- Appointed Jay Finnigan as the Township's representative to the Bethlehem Area Public Library.
- Appointed Michael Prendeville as the Township's alternate representative to the Bethlehem Area Public Library

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Meetings of Boards and Commission

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

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October, November and December on the FIRST MONDAY and January 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 each month, except May which is held the last Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.