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Meet Mark Hudson, New Hanover Township Manager

I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as the next Township Manager of Hanover Township. With 22 years of experience in municipal government, I have acquired a diverse range of experiences which have provided me with a solid foundation for this role. My career began in Horsham Township as a Program Coordinator in the Recreation Department. While in Horsham, I had the opportunity to hold several different positions including the Director of Administration.

Subsequently, I had the privilege of serving as the Township Manager for Lower Frederick Township, a small community in Montgomery County. Following that, I took the position of Township Manager for Lower Saucon Township, a community with a comparable population to Hanover Township. These experiences have equipped me with an understanding of municipal operations, community engagement, and the role of local government. I am eager to bring my knowledge, skills, and passion for public service to Hanover Township. I look forward to collaborating with residents and businesses to enhance the quality of life in our community.

I live in Richland Township, Bucks County, with my wife and two sons. My wife is a first grade teacher in the Southern Lehigh School District, while our sons attend the Quakertown School District. We cherish spending time outdoors, engaging in activities like camping, kayaking, fishing, and biking. My strong commitment to my family serves as a solid foundation, providing me with support and enabling me to embrace a second family within the community where I work.

As I step into the role of Hanover Township Manager, I'm excited to connect with each member of our community. I will host the first quarterly 'Hanover Township Connect: Coffee & Conversations with the Township Manager' at the Community Center, on July 11 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. This will provide me with an opportunity to meet with our residents and discuss your thoughts and concerns in a social setting. Improving communication with our residents and businesses is a top priority, and I'm committed to implementing several initiatives to achieve this goal. These initiatives include launching a new Township Website, increasing our presence on social media platforms, and utilizing our email list serve for additional township updates.

I'm thrilled with the array of recreational opportunities Hanover Township has to offer! Having started my career in municipal government with a focus on recreation, being part of a community where parks and recreation are prioritized feels like a dream come true. I am excited to experience the Hanover Carnival, the unveiling of the new outdoor Pickleball Courts and, saving the best for last, the Grand Opening of the new Hanover Township Pool. With these exciting events on the horizon, let's not forget to enroll our children in the fantastic Community Center Summer Camp Programs for an unforgettable summer experience.

My vision for Hanover Township is to enrich the community experience by establishing a robust network of communication, enabling residents to stay informed and actively participate in local government. Each department will remain committed to delivering exceptional service, elevating the quality of life for all residents, and maintaining Hanover Township as a safe and welcoming place to call home.

I am deeply honored and excited to take on the role of Township Manager for Hanover Township. I eagerly anticipate the chance to meet each of you, and I am committed to fostering an open-door policy. Please feel free to stop by my office anytime to say hello and share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, connected and thriving Hanover Township. ■



from the Supervisors – News & Updates



The Summer Months Promise Much Positive Activity in the Township By Susan A. Lawless, Esq., Chair, Board of Supervisors

The summer months look to be full of activity in the Township.

The new pool complex will be open for summer fun for the first time in four (4) years. The much anticipated official opening date is Saturday, June 8, 2024. Pool passes

can be purchased at the HTCC. Family passes will be limited to household members. Previously issued Senior Lifetime passes will be honored. The new outdoor pickleball courts will be up and running and are expected to be in high demand this summer.

During these past summers without the pool, the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department filled the gap and hosted regular spray down events on hot summer days. With the new pool, those events will be less necessary. The Department recently took delivery of a new pumper truck and is currently training its members in the efficient use of it. Mark your calendars for National Night Out on August 6, 2024, to come and see the truck on display.

Kobalt Construction submitted the winning bid to perform the stormwater upgrades in and around the neighborhood served by Lord Byron Drive and Chaucer Lane. By the time this newsletter arrives in residents' mailboxes, construction, or at least significant staging for it, will have already begun. Residents directly impacted by the construction may have already found door hangers with information concerning the project. The construction will start with the removal of trees. Replacement of street trees is part of the plan. The storage of materials and construction equipment will pose minor traffic disruption for the duration of the

project. While the contractor is required to keep one lane of travel open at all times on affected roadways, residents should be prepared to expect delays, especially on Stoke Park Road. Some residents in the area will require the replacement of their water lines to allow for the installation of the new sewer pipe.

Kobalt will be working with the City of Bethlehem to move the affected water lines. The daily work hours will be from 7:00am to 7:00pm. Construction activity should begin along Harmor Lane and work towards Lord Byron Drive and Chaucer Lanes. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the time the neighborhood kids return to school.

The Board of Supervisors has already tasked Hanover Engineering to review and assess other stormwater needs in all other parts of the Township. Such projects will be assessed for implementation based upon need, cost, and available funding. Planning for the 2025 budget will begin in August. In other planning news, a technical review committee has been established by the Board to review the Township's ordinances in the context of the recently adopted multi-municipal comprehensive plan. The committee will first review the AFHBD ordinance which pertains to the 300+ acre tract presently owned by the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA). It is the largest undeveloped tract in the Township. The committee will be headed by the Township's new manager, Mark Hudson. It will also be comprised of representatives of Hanover Engineering, two (2) members of the planning commissions, Supervisors Jean Versteeg and Stephen Gross, the Township's Solicitor, and representatives of the LNAA and/or its designee. Committee recommendations are anticipated later this year. ■



Review of Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District (AFHBD) Begins By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

On October 10, 2023, a standing-room only crowd at the Hanover Township Community Center, with more listening in the hall, urged the Board of Supervisors to reject a proposed text amendment to the Township's zoning ordinance by Majestic Realty.

Residents made it clear that they felt the change, which would have affected the development of over 300 acres of land

– the largest undeveloped tract of land in the Township, was not in the best interest of the Township and those who live here.

Their voices were heard as the Board rejected the amendment by a 3-2 vote.

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority-owned land, however, will still be developed. Since the Township does not own the land on the west side of the Township which borders Airport Road, it can't keep the area farmland, nor does it have the ability to decide exactly what is developed upon the land.

What the Township can do is review its zoning of the

AFHBD Review, continued

AFHBD and make sure it's fair, consistent and in the best interests of the Township and its residents to minimize any possible negative impacts. And that's exactly what we've begun the process of doing.

At the April 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Jean Versteeg made a motion to establish a committee to perform a technical review of Ordinance 185-38, "Regulations applicable to AFHBD Aircraft Flightpath Highway Business District." The committee, headed by Township Manager Mark Hudson, will consist of representatives from Hanover Engineering; Broughal and Devito; The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, or their designee; two members of the Hanover Township Planning Commission (at least one of whom has a planning background and/or education); one member of the Zoning Hearing Board, if available; and two members of the Board of Supervisors – myself and Ms. Versteeg.

As I write this in mid-May, Hanover Engineering has already been directed by the Board of Supervisors to begin the review process. Their initial tasks include performing a detailed review of the existing provisions of the AFHBD, last year's Majestic Hanover Flex Center plan, the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for that plan and related correspondence from both the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Hanover Township staff members. Hanover Engineering will then prepare for and meet with the technical review committee for the first time. This meeting will determine items to be investigated as part of the amendment process. From that meeting, Hanover Engineering will take approximately four weeks to take the information gathered to prepare a draft of an amendment to the current zoning and distribute to the technical review committee for review prior to another meeting with the committee.

On the schedule Hanover Engineering drafted, they allowed for two review meetings with the technical review committee and time for changes to be made in between each. Once the technical review board feels they have properly reviewed everything and given all necessary feedback, Hanover Engineering will prepare a final draft amendment, which they estimate will take three additional weeks.

Not factoring in any possible delays, or the need for more than two review meetings, Hanover Engineering estimated that the entire process will take a total of 12 weeks from the beginning of their work until a draft of the zoning amendment is complete.

I am excited to have been named to the technical review committee and am eager to collaborate with the rest of the committee as the process gets underway.

Residents will be updated and kept informed throughout and input from the community is encouraged. As a member of the committee, I invite you to send me an email me at sgross@hanovertwp-nc.org with any questions, comments, or concerns at any point in this process. ■



Uniting for a Cleaner Tomorrow: The Heart of Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley By Michael J. Prendeville, Board of Supervisors

In the heart of the Lehigh Valley, there beats a rhythm of unity, passion, and dedication to a cause larger than ourselves. It's a rhythm set not by instruments or voices, but by the collective footsteps of those who believe in the power of

small actions to create significant change. This rhythm is the heartbeat of "Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley," a movement that embodies the spirit of community, environmental stewardship, and hope.

Started by Hanover Township resident Monica Beaky in 2023, Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley has blossomed into a beacon of hope for our community. What began as a simple idea has grown into a thriving volunteer organization that operates in the Spring and Fall, with a mission to reclaim our natural landscapes from the grip of litter and waste. While Summer activities are paused due to overgrown brush, ground bees, snakes

and heat, their commitment remains unwavering, ready to resume their efforts when the time is right.

Each cleanup event sees a dedicated group of 6-12 volunteers showing up, armed with garbage bags, gloves, and a shared determination to make a difference. Over the course of two hours, they work tirelessly to rid our community of trash typically collecting 30-60 bags of trash along with larger items like car parts and tires, which are staged for PennDOT to pick up. Their locations are chosen with care, prioritizing parking, accessibility, and safety. Typically, they focus on off / on ramps for Rt 33, 378, and 22, areas where litter tends to accumulate, making the greatest impact for their efforts.

But Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley is more than just a cleanup crew; it's a family – a diverse tapestry of individuals from all walks of life, united by a common purpose. Whether young or old, seasoned environmentalists or newcomers to the cause, each member brings something unique to the table, enriching their collective efforts with passion, creativity, and

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children."
- Native American Proverb

Uniting for a Cleaner Tomorrow, continued

boundless energy. They always welcome new volunteers with open arms, knowing that together, we're stronger.

For high school students seeking community service hours, Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley provides a meaningful opportunity to give back to their community while making a tangible difference in the world around them.

To learn more about or join their cause, Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley, you can reach them at trashraiders2021@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/trashraidersLV>. On their Facebook page, you'll also discover a direct link to Amazon, empowering you to support them with much needed essential supplies.

In the end, Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley is more than just a movement—it's a testament to the power of community, the resilience of the human spirit, and the belief that when we work together, anything is possible. So, let's continue to march to the beat of our collective heartbeat, knowing that with every step we take, we're one step closer to a brighter, cleaner, and more beautiful tomorrow. We applaud Monica and her volunteers for their efforts in enabling the perpetual metamorphosis of the Lehigh Valley into a sanctuary of har-



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monious community and unmatched residential splendor.

Resolution 2024-17 recognizing Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley and Monica Beaky was passed at the May 14, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. On September 21, 2024, shall be proclaimed as "Trash Raiders Lehigh Valley" day in Hanover Township which coincides with World Cleanup Day – A global social action program aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including litter cleanup. ■





Walkability By Jean Versteeg, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

Hanover Township has many parks and other walkable areas. I always enjoy the first warm spring days and seeing so many people walking in my neighborhood and nearby Crawford Park. However, there are opportunities for improvement. I have heard suggestions from multiple residents on where crosswalks could be more prominent, traffic calming measures that would increase safety, and sidewalks that are missing or inconveniently located. As new ideas and plans are developed, we should keep walkability and its benefits in mind.

The term “walkability” refers to an area’s features that encourage walking and other types of physical activity. Active transportation and public transit have many positive effects on physical and social health. Walkability is also a key component of sustainable design. It can help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and promote physical activity. Walkable neighborhoods are also more likely to be socially vibrant and have a strong sense of community.

Some factors that contribute to walkability include:

1. Sidewalks and Pathways: Well-maintained sidewalks and pathways that connect residential areas to schools, parks, and other amenities encourage walking.

2. Pedestrian Crossings: Safe and easily accessible pedestrian crossings, including crosswalks, pedestrian islands, and traffic signals, make it easier for people to navigate intersections.

3. Street Design: Streets designed with narrower lanes, slower speeds, and features like traffic calming measures prioritize pedestrian safety and comfort.

4. Public Transit Accessibility: Access to public transportation can complement walkability by providing options for connections to areas beyond walking distance.

5. Street Lighting: Well-lit streets and pathways improve safety and comfort for pedestrians.

6. Green Spaces and Parks: Access to parks and green spaces provides opportunities for recreational walking and enhances the overall attractiveness of walking routes.

7. Community Engagement and Involvement: Engaging residents in planning and decision-making processes related to walkability can help ensure that infrastructure and amenities meet the community’s needs and preferences.

A walkable township offers many benefits for residents, the community, and the environment. Some of the key advantages:

1. Improved Health: Walking promotes physical activity, leading to better cardiovascular health, weight management, and reduced risk of chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. A walkable township encourages residents to incorporate walking into their daily routines.

2. Reduced Traffic Congestion: By providing alternative modes of transportation such as walking and biking, a township can reduce reliance on cars for short trips. This reduces traffic congestion, leading to smoother traffic flow and shorter commute times for all road users.

3. Enhanced Quality of Life: Walkable townships offer residents greater convenience and accessibility to amenities such as parks and community facilities, leading to a more vibrant and connected community.

4. Environmental Sustainability: Walking is a zero-emission mode of transportation, contributing to reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

5. Social Connectivity: Walkable townships facilitate social interactions and community engagement. Pedestrian-friendly environments encourage people to walk together, fostering a sense of belonging and social cohesion.

6. Safety: Walkable environments with adequate lighting and clear signage enhance pedestrian safety. By prioritizing pedestrian needs and implementing traffic calming measures, townships reduce the risk of accidents and injuries for both pedestrians and motorists.

7. Improved Mental Health: Regular physical activity has been shown to positively affect mental health and reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Access to safe and attractive walking routes in a township provides residents with relaxation, recreation, and stress relief opportunities.



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The Board of Supervisors and Township staff will look for opportunities to improve sidewalk and greenway connections throughout our Township and with other adjoining municipalities. We can take advantage of the many initiatives within the Lehigh Valley and at the state level that encourage and support these efforts. Investing in walkability can yield significant benefits for individuals, communities, and the environment, making townships more livable, sustainable, and resilient places to live. ■



Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

Ready for the New Pool?

The wait is over! Hanover Township is excited to introduce its new pool with a soft opening on Saturday, June 8. Following a few key note speakers and an official ribbon cutting, all residents are invited to take a tour of the facility, which has been described as a “modern day resort.” D.H. Productions D.J.’s For All Occasions will provide the entertainment for the day.

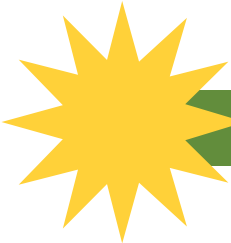
Bethlehem Area Public Library will also be on hand to display summer reading and programming opportunities. The pool will close at 4 pm on the 8th, visitors may then make their way out to the final evening of the Hanover Township Carnival.

The facility will open full time starting Monday, June 10. The hours of operation are noon until 7 pm daily. The Township is fortunate enough to have hired numerous lifeguards, gate guards and concession help — all of whom are eager to begin in their new roles.

 Be sure to check the HTCC Facebook page for updates as we look ahead to a fun summer!



photos courtesy of resident Greg Tapler



HTCC Spring/Summer Programming

RECREATION

- Swim Lessons
- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Junior and Adult Tennis Clinic,
- Open Pickleball and Clinics
- Open Gym Volleyball

FITNESS

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

Please visit
hanovercommunitycenter.com
for more information or to register
for Recreation classes.

Members of HTCC can register for all
fitness classes at the front desk of
the Community Center or by calling
our front desk at 610-317-8701.

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HTCC Pickleball League Champions

The Red Raiders recently captured the first-ever HTCC Pickleball League title. Team members pictured from left: Joe Israel, Eddie Rodriguez, Irene Goosley, Karen S., Rhonda Bastian, Rosie Tran, and Miller Hall. The league consisted of 40 players on five teams.



HTCC Golf Tournament Champions

Bethlehem Soccer Club representatives Mike Derr, Mike Hartney, and Dominic Pellegrino finished in first place at the Third Annual Hanover Township Community Center Golf Tournament on May 10. A total of 73 golfers registered for the event, which was held at Whitetail Golf Club.



HTCC Martial Arts Tournament

On April 13, HTCC hosted its second Martial Arts tournament in the past six months. The event drew more than 30 students from two Shotokan clubs based out of HTCC and Philadelphia. The students competed in both Kata and sparring events.

Mark Your Calendar

Hanover Township Special Events

- June 5-8 HanoverTwp. Carnival
- June 8 HTCC Pool Grand Opening
- August 6 National Night Out
- September 11 Patriot Day
- October 5 Fall Fest
- December 6 Tree Lighting
- December 7 Breakfast with Santa

Hanover Township Community Center



Lisa Outcalt
HTCC Preschool
Director

HTCC Preschool Update

We are so happy to report HTCC Preschool is coming to the end of a successful second academic year, and we're so thankful for the students and families we serve. This year, we have enjoyed meeting new friends, celebrating holidays and festivities including Trunk or Treat in October, and our first ever Mother's Day Art Class, which was a huge success and raised additional funds for our preschool. In the next academic year, we are planning to create a vegetable patch to teach our students basic skills to grow fruits and vegetables, in addition to the many wonderful language, literacy, art activities and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) focused activities already on offer.

Our Pre-Kindergarten class is currently preparing for its transition to Kindergarten at Asa Packer Elementary School and Hanover Elementary School, and our teachers couldn't be more proud of how far our students have come in the two years they have attended. We will be sorry to say goodbye to our graduates, but know this is just the start of their academic careers. We know they will be successful and go far in life.

As always the teachers and I at HTCC Preschool are thankful for the amazing support from our township through donations, events and attending our preschool. Our aim is to be a fun and interactive place to work and play, and we are achieving it!

I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing some new students as well as continuing students in the new academic year.

Kind regards,
Lisa Outcalt



Thank you to HTCC's Special Event Sponsors



Hanover Township Community Center



HTCC Preschool 2024-25 Registrations

Registration is currently open for children aged 2.5-5+. We have spots available for all of our classrooms:



Preschool. Ages 2.5 - 3.5

Our preschool teachers focus on social skills, language and S.T.E.A.M activities in a play-based environment. We ask that our preschool students are bathroom trained. We may enroll a child who is mostly bathroom confident. Class sizes are 1:6 with a maximum of 10 children and 2 teachers.



Pre-K 1. Ages 3.5 - 4

In Pre-K, our teacher reinforces fundamental skills, such as letter, number and shape recognition, as well as fun art and S.T.E.A.M. activities. We also enjoy making friendships and navigating the classroom with confidence. Class sizes are 1:10 with a maximum of 12 children and 2 teachers.



Pre-K 2. Ages 4 - 5+

The focus in our Pre-k 2 room is Kindergarten readiness. In this classroom, we have mastered number, letter and shape recognition. Enjoy stories and make their own. Know how to write their own name, and have the knowledge to make predictions and have own ideas.

Our students leave HTCC Preschool with great social skills and the confidence to negotiate a school classroom. At this time, they will know the fundamentals to entering Kindergarten and more! Class sizes are 1:10 with a maximum of 12 children and 2 teachers.

HTCC Preschool Events

- May 31 Class of 2024 Graduation
- June 17 Summer Camp Begins
- September 3 Back To School '24-'25.
- October TBA Trunk or Treat

To register, contact
Lisa Outcalt, Preschool Director
PreschoolDirector@hanovertwp-cc.org

School News & Updates

Asa Packer 2024

Spring has arrived and we are nearing the end of another fantastic school year at Asa Packer Elementary and we are eager to share with you the highlights of our last few months. It sure has been action packed!

In March, students were invited to bring a special guest for our annual Donuts with Grownups. The month wrapped up with a brand-new family giveback, Book Bingo filled with laughter, books, and snacks among Asa Packer families.

In April we welcomed author, Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, to speak to our students about character, plans that don't go your way, and adjustments we all make while going through life.

We also had a BMX assembly through Go Green; between flips and tricks, their message was focused on motivation and respect.

May and June were just as fun-filled, although we were rained out Round #1 of Patio Party, we were able to reschedule with a Puma Palooza and had a blast with many games as well as food trucks and our annual basket raffles! Spring concerts were held for Grade 1, 3 and 5 and with Orchestra performances by 4th and 5th graders. We had a bubble extravaganza with a visit from Grandpa Bubbles, who spread the joy and calming effect of making and popping the largest bubbles anyone has ever seen!

Throughout the year, the Asa Packer PTA strives hard to give back to students, their families, and teachers. Thanks to our volunteers, business donations, and parents supporting our fundraising efforts the PTA can show our appreciation to the entire Asa Packer staff with quarterly snack stations and a weeklong celebration of goodies and gifts for Staff Appreciation Week! PTA also provides additional funds to staff for alternative seating and sensory items to enhance the student's classroom experience.

A big thank you to our spring restaurant supporters, Martellucci Pizzeria, Red Robin, Chuck E. Cheese, and Panera for participating in our Dine and Donate fundraisers. We had another Spring election bake sale, book fair, Bayou Boys Pierogies, and Gertrude Hawk Fundraisers. Lastly, our deeply appreciated sponsorships for our Patio Party are: Christmas City Landscaping, Patient First, Ames Team - Weichert Realtors, Pat's Pizza & Bistro, Glenn R. Koch & Associates, Lighthouse Abstract, PJ Whelihan's, Katey Lenner, Realtor; AwardWallet, LLC; and Lehigh Valley Parkour Academy.

The PTA is also able to fund educational trips, events, and experiences for each student at Asa Packer Elementary. This year our field trips took students to Equi-librium, The DaVinci Center, The Lehigh Valley Zoo, IronPigs, Historical



Bethlehem Walking Tour, and Harrisburg. The 4th grade students enjoyed the Animal Life Cycle Discovery Project where they observe chicks in their classrooms. Other events that happened during the final weeks of school was a school-wide Field Day, a cookout, Kindergarten Welcoming Day, and Fifth Grade end-of-the-year celebratory events: Party, Track and Field Day at Liberty High School and Moving up Ceremony.

This was an incredible school year! Our kids were able to experience all that Asa Packer has to offer and we wish our Asa Packer community an exciting and memory-filled summer! Some additional highlights included:

- The APTV crew continue to meet throughout spring and make factual and fun clips that are aired on the TV in the school foyer.
- BASD All-City band concert at Nitschmann Middle school which amalgamated all musicians from the elementary schools including Asa Packer students.
- Dr. DeLeo formerly from the Lehigh University Department of Physics visited the kids and shared some interesting science knowledge. He even brought a current pilot and a retired astronaut to some of the classrooms.
- The Lehigh Men's Basketball team came to work with students and put the kids through some energetic basketball drills that added a welcome change to the school day.
- Young artists represented Asa Packers' creativity at the BASD Student Art Exhibition at the Rotunda Gallery in April.

Hanover School 2024

It seems like we just started classes and yet here we are, wrapping up another amazing year. Since our last update, our students participated in the Cops 'n' Kids parade to support book donations to families in need, we had the production

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of *Finding Nemo Kids*, had a visit from author Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen who also took the time to autograph books for the kids and viewing the Solar Eclipse.

We still have a lot of exciting and fun things going on. Some upcoming events include the Spring Band/Orchestra concert, 5th Grade Track meet at BASD stadium, Science Day, Field Day and our school’s Carnival. But who said we should stop there!!! Our students are taking field trips to a variety of places including Burnside, The Wildlands, The DaVinci Center, Harrisburg and The Franklin Institute just to name a few. A huge thank you to our PTA for making these exciting trips a possibility!! Thank you to our families and the community – you help make Hanover be the success it is. We hope everyone has a happy summer and we look forward to seeing all the smiling faces in August.



Best of luck to our graduating 5th graders! Make yourself proud and remember you are always welcome back to Hanover. ■

EMS CORNER

By Karen Peters, EMS Director



1st QTR EMS CALL

STATISTICS FOR 2024

Medical Emergencies	762
Motor Vehicle Accidents	37
Fire Support	20

Total calls for the quarter ... 820

Summer Safety

This is the time of the year when kids are riding their bicycles or scooters on the roadway. Please be careful when driving on the roads, keeping a watchful eye out for the riders.

Some safety tips for Scooter and Bicycle riders:

- ▶ Always wear your bike helmet
- ▶ Look both ways before you cross the street and when coming out of the driveway
- ▶ Don’t ride at night
- ▶ Obey traffic signs and signals
- ▶ Wear light or bright colored clothing so motorists can see you
- ▶ Give the right of way to vehicles
- ▶ Do not wear earbuds when riding

Here are some other safety tips to keep in mind as you are enjoying the outdoors:

Tip 1: Use sunscreen Sunscreen with a minimum of SPF 15 and preferably waterproof and make sure you apply it thoroughly, making sure to cover every exposed part of your skin.

Tip 2 Use bug spray Mosquitos carry dangerous diseases like ZIKA, Lyme, and Malaria. Use bug spray with DEET to help repel mosquitos and other insects and help keep you and your family safe.

Tip 3 Ticks don’t just hang out in the woods Backyards can be tick territory as well, and pets also can inadvertently carry them into the home, where they land on a human host.

Tip 4 Avoid heat stroke Staying hydrated and in the shade helps keep you cool and one step ahead of the sun’s unforgiving rays.

Tip 5 Wear loose, breathable fabrics Part of staying cool is dressing appropriately, so wear light, breathable fabrics (like cotton) when in the sun.

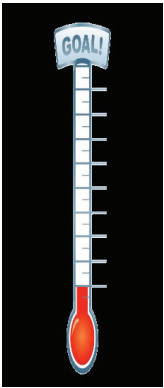
Tip 6 Remember pool safety Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.

Tip 7 Don’t leave kids or pets inside a car, even for just a few minutes.

Tip 8 Playground safety Make sure your children remove helmets and anything looped around their necks. Make sure slides are cool to prevent children’s legs from getting burned. Do not allow children to play barefoot on the playground. Parents should supervise children on play equipment. ■



Fire Company News



Fund Drive

Our Annual Fund Drive has started so please send in your donations. 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 insurance premiums and other costs associated with the operations of our Fire Company. We need your help so we can be there when you need our help.

Thank You

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! We want to thank our local businesses who donated baskets and/or gift cards for us to raffle off at our Easter Egg Hunt. Without your gracious donations, we would not have been able to have a basket raffle.

Fiamma ★ Prime ★ Tanczos ★ HTCC ★
 My Boys Baking ★ The Vero ★ Holiday
 Hair ★ Weis ★ Stuffed Puffs ★ Crayola ★
 Just Born ★ Oasis ★ 3 Men and a Bagel ★
 Sage Nail Salon ★ Advanced Health Care of Hanover



Emergency Responders Needed

Help Us Help You.... Come Join Our Team

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are different divisions within our company: Administrative positions, Firefighting, Fire Police, and EMS. All required training and equipment are provided at no cost. *If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station at 610.867.2103. Visit our website: www.htvfc.org*



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CRPD K9 Report

By John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman, Colonial Regional Police Commission



It is with deep regret that we report the passing of K9 Officer Otto. He was an 8-year-old Dutch Shepherd who served the communities of Hanover and Lower Nazareth Township diligently for the past 6 years. Recently diagnosed with Lymphoma, he passed away on April 19, 2024. His partner, Sgt. Cody Hendershot, shared heartfelt sentiments: "I'm grateful for the lessons that he taught me, the time that I got to spend with him, and for the experiences that we shared. He made me a better Officer and K9 Handler." Otto's unwavering commitment will be cherished in the memories of those who knew him. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Sgt. Hendershot and the officers of the CRPD who will deeply feel his absence.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Sgt. Hendershot has welcomed his new partner at JFK Airport. K9 Officer Bane is a 12-month-old Belgian Malinois.

According to Sgt. Hendershot, his name was chosen because one of its meanings is "glorious defender" which is fitting for his role. He has a deep pedigree filled with highly trained dogs. Despite not having prior training, Bane's stable environment, socialization, and potential make him a promising addition. We have already begun working with him and plans are to have him certified through the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) in narcotics, patrol, and tracking by the fall. He is eager to serve our communities soon. ■

From the Zoning Office: Do I need a Permit?

By Tracy Luisser, BCO & Zoning Officer

Probably yes, permits are needed for many home improvements. Some examples are driveway replacements, new roofs, deck/patio enlargements, and removal of street trees. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure that permits have been applied for. Please call the Township Zoning Office at 610-866-1140 to inquire if a permit is required.

Grass & Weeds

Please be advised that grass and weeds cannot exceed 12 inches. If you have curbing, please mow to the curb. Grass around hydrants, street signs, and poles must also be trimmed/cut.



Pitbulls “visit” Colonial Regional Police

By John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman,
Colonial Regional Police Commission

In April, the Colonial Regional Police Department (CRPD) took custody of two stray, abandoned dogs found near Route 33 in Lower Nazareth Township. The CRPD was tasked with the handling and care of the dogs. Lower Nazareth has shouldered all related expenses, beyond the considerable time and resources of officers and staff.

The two pitbulls appeared to be companions. Officers promptly began a search for their owner but discovered no reports of missing dogs. Even though one of the dogs was microchipped, the person associated with the chip’s New York City phone number claimed to have no knowledge of the dog.

Significant efforts were exerted to locate a shelter capable and ready to take in the dogs. Regrettably, every shelter, both nearby and distant, was full. Contrary to prior lost dogs that were quickly reclaimed by their owners or adopted, these two became long-term residents. Thankfully, after more than two weeks at the police station, both dogs were welcomed into new homes.

The officers and staff dedicated significant time to the dogs’ care. Although the station’s kennels are adequate for brief stays of a day or two, they were not ideal for the dogs or their caretakers. The energetic puppies were rather tough on their temporary quarters, resulting in a few urgent issues.

Initially, the station requires a kennel that is more appropriate for offering temporary housing to lost or abandoned dogs. Consequently, an order has been placed for a new kennel capable of sheltering and protecting up to two dogs,

which will be situated next to the station building.

Secondly, the CRPD has been adhering to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Act of 1983, which among other things outlines the duties and responsibilities of police officers. The police are formulating a policy that aligns with this act and offers further guidance for compliance. Additionally, Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships are crafting an ordinance that will integrate their responsibilities with the CRPD’s dog policy.

The goal of the new kennel, ordinances, and police policy is to handle lost or abandoned dogs compassionately and quickly reunite them with their owners or find them a new adoptive home.

A Note from Public Works Summer Paving Activity

By Marty Limpar



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The yearly paving project came in under budget and has been awarded to Bracalente Construction, Inc. This year’s project includes the paving of Harriet Lane and a small portion of Bifore Avenue.

Once the project begins, you may experience delays in these areas. *Also, please remember that when the asphalt is laid it can be in excess of 280 degrees Fahrenheit and can remain hot for hours after it has been rolled. Please keep children and pets away from the freshly laid asphalt.*

Arbor Day Celebration at the Community Center on April 27

The second annual Arbor Day celebration on Saturday morning, April 27th, began with the dedication of the tree planted at Hanover Elementary School. The Shade Tree Advisory Board members planned this event, along with the outdoor gathering at the Community Center, to give residents a time to recognize the important role that trees play in making Hanover Township a wonderful place to live, work, and play. We now join over 3600 cities, towns, and municipalities across America that officially have Tree City USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation. By planting and maintaining so many trees in the Township parks and other open spaces each year, we qualified for this honor.



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Arbor Day continued

The day began with the commemorative planting of a tree at the school to recognize the designation of Hanover Township as an official Tree City USA. The rigorous application process was approved just in time for a beautiful plaque to arrive and be on display as a part of the festivities. Many residents gathered to hear the Proclamation read on behalf of the Board of Supervisors by board member Jean Versteeg. Principal Erin Hines welcomed the students, parents, and other residents and expressed her appreciation for the new tree that was planted near the outdoor seating area on the north side of the school.

Many residents enjoyed family-friendly and educational activities in the Community Center outdoor area after the Tree Planting ceremony at Hanover Elementary School. The Shade Tree Advisory Board members planned this event to give residents more information about how important trees are for our community, including beautifying our streets and neighborhoods, giving welcome shade in the summer, protection from cold winds in the winter, habitats for birds

and other wildlife, and cleaning the air we all breathe. Local landscapers gave out helpful information about their services, while Galen Deery, a singer/guitarist from the local group “Mystik Fool,” provided background music. Monocacy Farm Project on Bridle Path Road shared information about their fresh produce that’s grown right here in the Township, available from June through October. Cupcake treats were part of the fun, too.

Our Arbor Day event included handouts about best tree-planting practices and which trees are best for different areas of a property. Kids of all ages enjoyed coloring and sticker fun on activity sheets geared toward tree facts and fun. Sunflower seeds planted in paper cups went home with most of the children, to be planted at home as reminders of the day. Free tree seedlings were available for all residents.

This second annual Arbor Day event helped the Township celebrate trees in a fun and meaningful way. Watch for the two “Tree USA” signs to be installed in the Township soon.

Save the date April 26, 2025, for our next Arbor Day celebration that will include even more giveaways and activities for all ages. ■

**Armed Forces Day**

The weather didn’t cooperate, so the Township’s Armed Forces Day was moved inside the gymnasium at the Hanover Township Community Center on May 18th. Chris Yarnell, one of the founders of Battle Borne shared his perspective on why Battle Borne was started. A Marine Corp veteran, Chris spoke of Battle Borne’s collaborative effort among like-minded individuals and organization intent on repairing and restoring individuals who have served our country. They do it by delivering a unique level of support and guidance to those service men and women who have emotional and psychological wounds. He spoke of the military being very structured and when an individual leaves the service they struggle in a very unstructured environment. A service person is told when and how to do every activity and a strong camaraderie develops. They lose that structure upon discharge and struggle.

Chris and Air Force Major Dr. Alfred Khallouf, a Township resident, both shared Battle Borne’s mission statement to those in attendance. Their mission is to connect veterans with the resources needed to recover from mental, emotional, and physical trauma so they can restore their lives and reintegrate into society. They achieve their mission through a collaborative effort of like-minded individuals and organizations, by leveraging both internal and external resources to assist veterans in our community. WeAreBattleborne.com

Armed Forces Day Participants: • **American Legion Post 379, Bethlehem, PA** participated with an Honor Guard comprised of: CAPT Ralph Brodt, USMC • SGT Dick Fasching, US Airforce • PO2 Vini Foti, US Navy • COL Joe Herkalo, US Airforce • SP4 Norm Koch, US Army • SP4 Steve Mitala, US Army • PO1 Dennis O’Connor, US Navy • SMSGT Karl Perna, US Air Force • DT3 Mike Tagliareni, US Navy • SP4 Wayne Verzbicki, US Army • **The Brass Ensemble of the American Legion Band** provided the music for the morning’s ceremony. Musicians included: Director/Trumpet: Chris Klump • Trumpets: Erik Higbie, Don Kemmerer, Jim Roberts & Shelley Long • Trombone: Steve Bitto & Andrew Fortsch • French Horn: Barbara Haver-Mentzer, Steve Bueker & Nancy Beitel-Vessels • Baritone: Fernando Ramirez & Taylor Bennett • Tuba: Ron Lintener • Drums: Steve Novak • **The Color Guard was provided by Boy Scout Troop 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem.** The scouts participating were Luke Mille, Tim Bricco, Ilia Khallouf, Zain Khallouf, Cullen Warfel & Matthew Santana. • **Father Alexy Petrides, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Bethlehem, PA** offered the Invocation and Benediction. The program concluded with a Salute and *Taps*. ■



Community Involvement

Discover the Colonial Regional Citizens Police Academy: A Journey into Law Enforcement

By John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman, Colonial Regional Police Commission

Are you curious about the inner workings of law enforcement? Do you want to gain firsthand knowledge of police operations, investigations, and community safety? Look no further than the Colonial Regional Citizens Police Academy! This unique program offers an immersive experience that bridges the gap between officers and the community.

What Is the Colonial Regional Citizens Police Academy?

The Colonial Regional Citizens Police Academy is an 11-week program starting on August 28 and ending on November 6, 2024. The academy is designed to educate and engage community members in the fascinating world of policing. Held on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 pm, the academy provides a comprehensive overview of various aspects of law enforcement and related public safety services. Whether you're a concerned citizen, a student, or simply curious, the academy welcomes you. Most of the sessions are held at the Colonial Regional Police Department station at 248 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017, however several sessions require a field trip to a fire station, a local gun range, the 911 center and the coroner's office.

The curriculum includes:

1. **Police Headquarters Operations** Get an exclusive peek behind the scenes! Learn how a police station operates, from dispatch to records management. Understand the intricate web of communication that keeps our community safe.
2. **Traffic Enforcement** Ever wondered how officers handle traffic violations? Discover the techniques used for traffic stops, speed enforcement, and DUI checkpoints. Gain insights into maintaining road safety.
3. **Drug and Alcohol Issues** Explore the impact of substance abuse on our community. Understand the challenges faced by officers dealing with drug-related incidents. Learn about prevention and intervention strategies.
4. **Crime Scene Investigations** Step into the shoes of a detective! Uncover the secrets of crime scene processing, evidence collection, and forensic analysis. Solve mock cases and experience the thrill of investigation.

5. Fire & Emergency Medical Service Collaboration

Firefighters, EMT's and police officers often work hand in hand. Learn about their joint efforts during emergencies, disaster response, and community outreach. Witness live demonstrations.

6. **Accident Investigations** How do officers reconstruct accidents? Delve into accident investigation techniques, including skid mark analysis, witness interviews, and crash scene documentation.

7. **K9 & CRPD Drone Demonstrations** Meet the four-legged heroes! Witness K9 officers in action—tracking scents, apprehending suspects, and providing emotional support. Plus, explore the cutting-edge world of police drones.

8. **Visit to the Northampton County 911 Center** Experience the nerve center of emergency response. Learn how 911 operators handle calls, dispatch units, and coordinate resources during crises.

9. **County Coroner's Office Insights** Discover the role of the coroner in death investigations. Explore forensic pathology, autopsies, and the pursuit of justice.

10. **Gang related criminal activity awareness** The Lehigh Valley is not immune to this type of criminal activity. Learn from those at the front lines.

11. **A Visit to the gun range (on a Saturday morning)** Explore different types of firearms that police employ, learn about firearm safety and have an opportunity to target shoot (optional).

Why Attend?

Knowledge: Gain a deeper understanding of law enforcement procedures.

Community Engagement: Forge connections with officers and fellow participants.

Empowerment: Be an informed advocate for community safety.

Hands-On Learning: Participate in simulations and demonstrations.

Networking: Interact with professionals from various fields. ■

Act Now! Space is very limited, and seats fill up quickly. During the last few years, the program was at capacity. Priority is given to residents of Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships. Be sure to secure your spot now. **For an application, call Wanda Stackhouse at 610-861-4820 or email her at wstackhouse@colonialregionalpd.org.** Don't miss this opportunity to explore the world of policing and become an informed citizen! **Join us at the Colonial Regional Citizens Police Academy - where knowledge meets community!**



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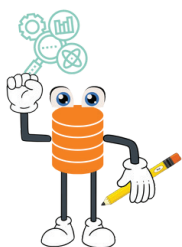
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News from Harrisburg



State Senator Nick Miller (14th Senatorial District)

I am excited to announce I will soon be introducing legislation in the Pennsylvania Senate aimed at enhancing cybersecurity measures to safeguard critical infrastructure within the commonwealth. My goal is to address and fortify protection against cyber-

threats in the wake of the latest incidents targeting 911 centers, utilities, the electric grid and other IT systems.

This legislation will allocate additional funding to help implement state-of-the-art cybersecurity measures with the flexibility to be specifically tailored to various networks. Ensuring the security and resilience of our critical infrastructure is paramount to safeguarding public safety and maintaining the uninterrupted operation of vital services. This proposed legislation underscores our commitment to staying ahead of emerging cyberthreats and bolstering our state's defenses against potential disruptions.

There have been recent targeted attacks on the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa, the Washington County Court Case Management System and the Bucks County 911 emergency system. While authorities are still investigating the depth of exposure, we should have systems already in place. Additionally, there are new requirements being placed on federally regulated entities, like our regional airports, in regard to cyber security and these mandated requirements are in need of funding.

With summer right around the corner, I will be in Harrisburg for budget negotiations for parts of June. The governor's proposed budget has strong investments in education, public safety and economic development. The suggested PA Sites program will provide grant funding for businesses to relocate or expand in Pennsylvania, while the proposed PA Innovation will go toward entrepreneurs and additional funding for Main Street Matters program, which supports revitalization efforts.

One of my top priorities as a Basic Education Funding Commission member was making sure our education facilities are repaired. So many of our students and staff are subjected to toxic schools, which are not adequate vessels to learn and work. The governor's budget suggests \$480 million to repair school buildings, create safe learning environments and focus on students' mental health and wellness, which I endorse. The budget also provides funding for student-teacher stipends, if the student-teachers agree to remain in the commonwealth and teach for three years following graduation. I am also excited for proposed investments in Pre-K programs, basic educa-

tion funding, school safety and security and higher education. There will also be more funding for the state police, protecting our communities.

In the most recent round of funding through the Commonwealth Financing Authority, I was proud to work with Rep. Samuelson to secure funding towards the fieldhouse for First Responder's Park. These funds will be used for upgrades to the park and the addition of a fieldhouse, creating a welcoming and enjoyable outdoor experience for residents of all ages to appreciate the outdoors.

And just a reminder, if you're planning to do any fishing this summer, make sure to get your fishing license at www.huntfish.pa.gov. I had the opportunity to stock trout in some local water recently. I joined volunteers and Waterway Conservation Officers from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to stock brown, brook, and rainbow trout.

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3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Second Wednesday of every month, 9-11 am.



Rep. Steve Samuelson (135th Legislative District)

In May, Hanover Township was awarded a \$100,000 state grant to assist in the construction of a permanent Fieldhouse at First Responders Park on Airport Road. I worked with Senator Nick Miller to secure this funding for the township through the Local

Share Account program under which a portion of casino revenues is shared with neighboring municipalities to support community projects.

Since Hanover Township opened First Responders Park more than a dozen years ago, this 24-acre park has been heavily used by athletes in a variety of sports, including soccer and lacrosse. There currently is no fieldhouse or permanent restrooms at the site and equipment is being stored in a temporary structure.

This state funding will help Hanover Township move forward with plans to build a multipurpose Fieldhouse to better serve the athletes, teams and families who visit this wonderful township park. Storage facilities, a concession area and accessible restrooms will be part of the project.

Harrisbrug News continued

Thank you, Jay Finnigan: On May 7th, it was my honor to present a House of Representatives Citation to John “Jay” Finnigan in recognition of his 25 years of service to Hanover Township, including 18 years as Township Manager. Friends, family, and coworkers gathered at DeSales University to honor Jay for his distinguished service to the township, which also includes membership on the Recreation Advisory Board and 6 years on the Board of Supervisors. Thank you, Jay, for your leadership and your steadfast commitment to our community. Our House Citation was cosponsored by Rep. Joe Emrick and signed by the Speaker of the House, Rep. Joanna McClinton.

Office House at Community Center: Monthly office hours at the Hanover Township Community Center continue on the Third Thursday of every month. Upcoming dates are June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19.

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► **Come visit to sign up for a SEPTA Key Senior Fare Card** to ride SEPTA’s Regional Rail Lines at no charge, including the trains that stop in Doylestown, Colmar, Lansdale, and Norristown. There is no income limit for this program. Applicants must be at least 65.

► **Apply for \$50 worth of Food Vouchers** to use at local farmers markets through the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program. Income limits are \$27,861 for one person households, and \$37,814 for two person households. Applicants must be at least 60. The program is funded by the PA Department of Agriculture, and vouchers are distributed by Northampton County Area Agency on Aging.

► **Sign up for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program**, which has been expanded this year to include homeowners and renters up to \$45,000 net income (only half of Social Security is counted when determining eligibility). Rebates are based

on income and start at \$380. Eligibility includes individuals over 65, widows and widowers over 50 and people with a disability over 18.



Rep. Joe Emrick
 (137th Legislative District)

Prevent Lyme Disease: Check for Ticks – As you spend time outdoors, it is important to check yourself, loved ones and pets for ticks and be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease and other tick-related ailments.

The first line of defense against Lyme is to take precautions outdoors by treating clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin, using insect repellent, and avoiding wooded and brushy areas with high grass or leaf litter. When you return indoors, check your clothing, gear and pets for ticks; shower as soon as possible after being outdoors; and check your body for ticks, particularly in areas such as under the arms, in and around the ears, back of the knees and other similar areas.

If bitten, an individual should monitor the area for the appearance of a bull’s eye rash, though the rash does not develop in all cases. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, fatigue, headache, and muscle aches. However, symptoms may progress to arthritic, neurologic and cardiac symptoms if not treated.

Lyme disease is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted by the bite of a blacklegged tick or deer tick. If you pull a tick from yourself, a loved one or your pet, you may have it tested to determine if it carries Lyme or other tick-borne diseases. More information about how to get a tick tested at the East Stroudsburg University Tick Lab is available at www.esu.edu/dna/tick-diagnostics/index.cfm

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EDITOR’S NOTE

We apologize for the delay in getting this edition of the *HANOVERVIEW* into your mailboxes. One of the individuals who performs an important role in the layout of the publication was admitted to the hospital with a life-threatening illness requiring an alternate source. After a few days we were able to secure another individual to handle the graphic design. Please understand that we did everything humanly possible to deliver the newsletter timely.

Clean Water Begins at Home

Only Rain Down the Drain

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

Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

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

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

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

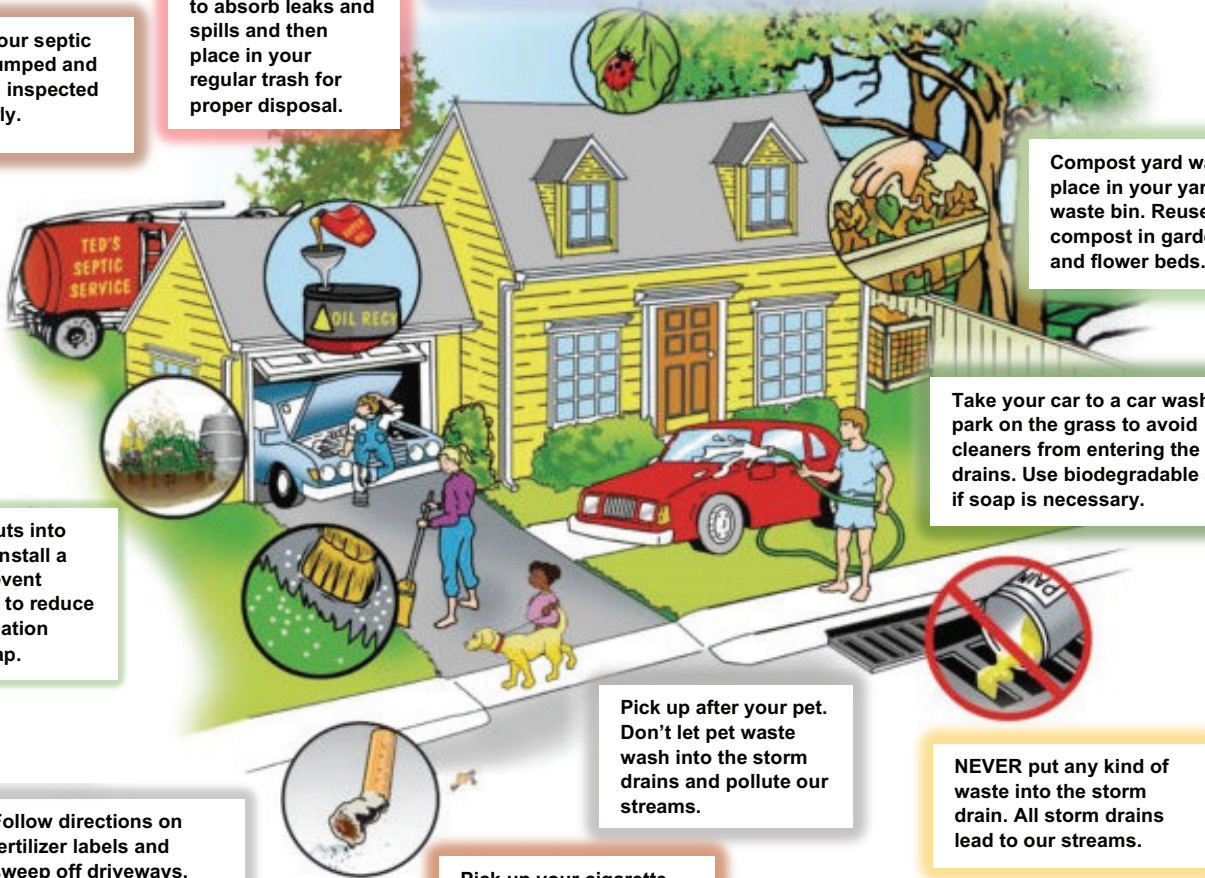
Direct drain spouts into rain gardens or install a rain barrel to prevent some runoff and to reduce the need for irrigation water from the tap.

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

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

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

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



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ELECTION NEWS

By County Executive Lamont G. McClure

Here in Northampton County, our top priority is to ensure fair, accurate, and legal elections, and we are proud to say that we delivered on that priority during the General Primary Election on April 23rd. The election was successful and uneventful, with no machine issues. We would like to thank the election officials, poll workers, volunteers, and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure its fairness and efficiency.

The voter turnout was low countywide, with only 28,787 people voting in person out of 221,429 registered voters. However, we received a total of 49,473 ballots, including 20,563 mail-in ballots and 123 provisional ballots.

The Election Commission Board met at a public meeting on Tuesday, May 7, and certified the Tuesday, April 23, 2024, General Primary Election results. The required number of Election Commission Board members signed to certify the results. The official results for all races are available on the Northampton County website at www.norcopa.gov/election-result.

Every year following the certification of votes, an audit is conducted to ensure the elections are 100% accurate. Thus far, Northampton County has not had any issues with our elections. This year's audit took place on Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. The audit was open to the public and the media to attend. As expected, the audit results did not change. The results of both audits (the 2% Statistical Sample Audit and the Risk-Limiting Audit) matched the election results.

Looking ahead to the upcoming November Presidential Election, there is a high expectation of a larger turnout than ever before. In the 2020 Presidential Election, a total of 172,065 votes were recorded, with 96,282 of those votes being cast in person in Northampton County. The upcoming election will not be perfect. However, it will be legal, fair, and accurate. ■

