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## Supervisors' News & Updates



### Our Volunteer Fire & EMS Need Your Support

By Susan A. Lawless, Esq., Chair, Board of Supervisors

One could not tell that our Township's fire service is all volunteers from the high level of service they provide not only to our Township but also our neighboring municipalities. Although fire services are now paired with a professional EMS partner, firefighting is and has been all volunteer since 1943. Several of the volunteers are members of a handful of families who have been serving the department for decades. The EMS team can recover some costs from medical insurance billing. Fire does not have such opportunity. In addition to significant training demands, EMS and firefighters also volunteer their time to administer the department. So, if you do not get an immediate answer if you make a non-emergency call to the firehouse, please remember, it is a volunteer organization that dedicates its finite resources to prompt, quality emergency response.

Reading this article will not be the first time the reader has heard that the ranks of volunteers are shrinking. Nor will the reader be surprised that the cost of the highly specialized equipment needed to keep Fire and EMS personnel safe and their lifesaving capabilities second to none has risen exponentially. While some form of regionalization of departments among multiple

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## SUMMER 2025: Parks, Pump Track & Paving News

By Mark Hudson, Township Manager



### Exciting Improvements at Monocacy Park!

Hanover Township, with the assistance of a Northampton County grant, successfully completed the Monocacy Park fitness area. In 2024, we enhanced the park by adding an adult-focused fitness station. This year, we continued our efforts by installing a youth-focused fitness station right next to it—allowing parents and children to workout side by side. This is another exciting addition to Hanover Township's growing recreational opportunities for our residents.

And we're not done yet! Plans are underway to install a 1/4-mile walking and fitness trail within the park. Whether you're aiming to get your 10,000 steps in or complete a mile with four laps, the trail will provide the perfect space. It will also support cross-training—run a lap, complete an exercise at the station, and repeat for a full-body workout. We can't wait to see you out there, staying active and enjoying everything Monocacy Park has to offer!

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## Parks, Paving & Pump Track cont. from page 1



### Pharo Park: NEW Playground Open!

Hanover Township Public Works recently removed the old playground at Pharo Park and prepared the site for a brand-new play structure. Installation of the new playground began in April, and it officially opened for play on April 17.

There was no formal ribbon-cutting or grand opening—just pure excitement. As soon as the caution tape came down, kids eagerly began climbing, sliding, and exploring the new structure.

In the photo above of the new playground's climbing walls, ladders, twisted rope flex climber, and slides—all part of a vibrant, modern design that encourages movement, creativity, and adventure. We're thrilled to offer our younger residents a fun, imaginative space that encourages hours of active play and creativity. *Come visit the new playground located in Pharo Park and join in the fun!*

## Hanover Township Municipal Park Pump Track Approved!

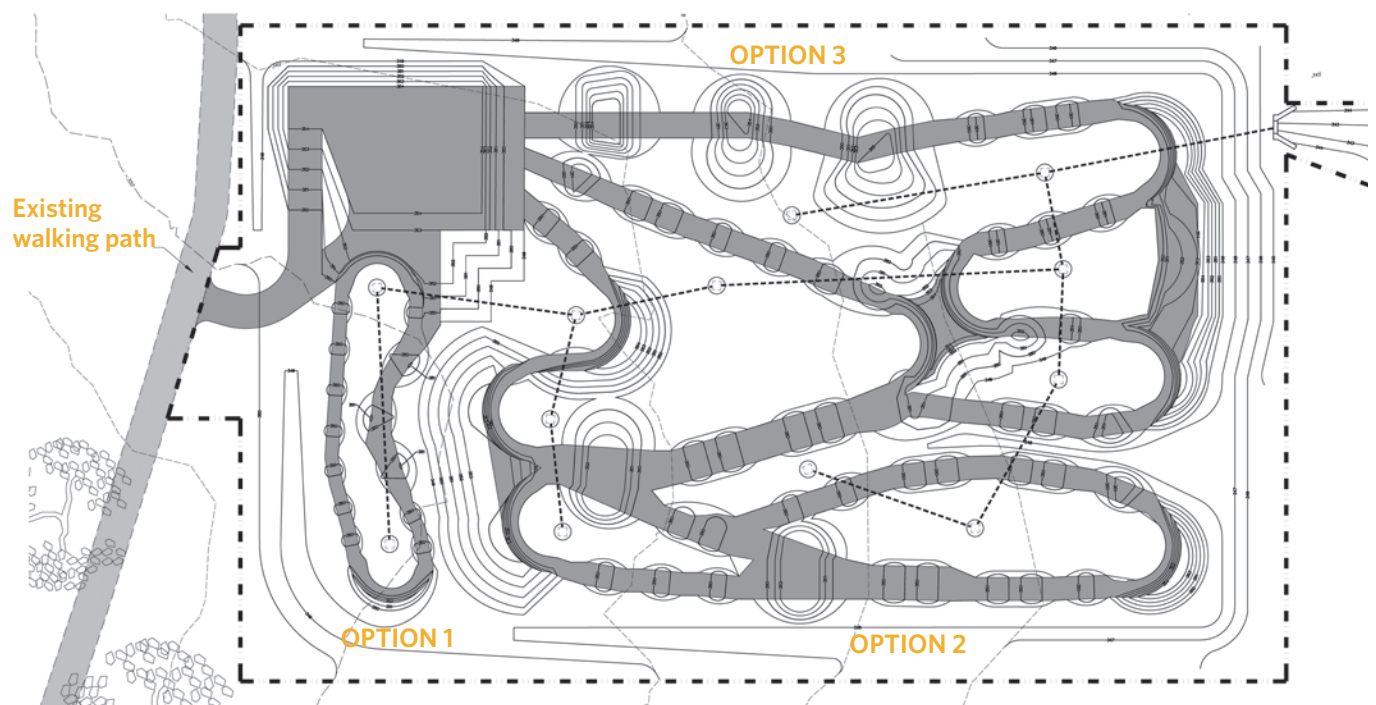
We're excited to announce that the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors has officially approved the construction of a Pump Track in the Township Municipal Park!

A pump track is a specially designed loop of rollers and banked turns (called berms) that allows riders to use their body movements—pushing down or “pumping”—to generate momentum, rather than pedaling or pushing. It offers a fun, low-impact way to build strength, coordination, and bike-handling skills. Pump tracks are ideal for bikes, skateboards, scooters, and roller blades, making them a great recreational option for users of all ages and abilities.

The Hanover Township Pump Track will be a paved surface, allowing for use throughout the year, and will include three distinct sections designed to accommodate all skill levels:

- **Option 1:** A shorter loop with small rollers, perfect for younger riders or those just getting started.
- **Option 2:** The main track area in the center of the facility, featuring multiple lines to give riders flexibility and variety with each lap.
- **Option 3:** An advanced line with larger rollers, allowing experienced riders to gain speed and catch air as they progress around the course.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer, with the track expected to open in early fall. This exciting addition will significantly enhance Hanover Township's recreational offerings and provide a safe, fun, and challenging space for active outdoor play. *Stay tuned for construction updates and opening announcements. We look forward to seeing you at the track!*



## Summer Paving Project

**Hanover Township's 2025 Summer Paving Project was bid earlier this spring**, and we are pleased to announce that New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company was the lowest responsible bidder and has been awarded the project with a bid amount of \$218,361.23.

The project includes milling and paving Blair Road from Jacksonville Road to the dead end at Macada North Park. Milling involves removing the top inch or two of asphalt from the road surface so that a new layer can be applied. This keeps the roadway at approximately the same elevation and helps maintain proper drainage.

In addition to Blair Road, the project also includes an asphalt overlay on Bella Vista Drive, 1st Terrace Drive, and 2nd Terrace Drive. An overlay involves placing a new layer of asphalt over the existing road surface to improve durability and ride quality.

We ask residents to please exercise extra caution in these areas while construction is underway. If you are in or near an active work zone, it's important to stay alert and follow any posted signs or directions from workers on-site.

Please also be aware that freshly laid asphalt can reach very high temperatures and will remain hot for an extended period after installation. For safety, we kindly ask that you keep children and pets away from newly paved surfaces until the asphalt has fully cooled. *We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to improve the Township's roadways.* ■



## Township Launches New Website

By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

**When I began getting more involved in the Township**, one of the concerns I heard repeatedly from residents was regarding the municipality's website.

Some said it was hard to find anything, some didn't like how outdated it was, and others wanted it to more clearly display news and upcoming events and meetings. They weren't alone. I shared many of those same frustrations with the website.

Prior to being elected a Supervisor, my wife and I needed to obtain permits for a few different things, including adding an alarm system. And while all the information was there, I found it difficult and somewhat time consuming to get what we needed. Even as a Supervisor, trying to navigate on my phone to recent Board minutes or agendas proved to be tedious.

Now, thanks to the work of our Township Manager Mark Hudson and the rest of the Township staff, these issues are a thing of the past. Their work helped the Township launch a new website—designed for both mobile and desktop use—on April 28. The new site not only brings the Township's main digital communication touchpoint up to date, it features better organization and improved navigation.

Additionally, there's a built-in calendar, which features upcoming meetings, including the Board of Supervisors, various committees and Crime Watch, as well as the growing list of events affiliated with the Community Center.

This new site also houses a page for the Community Center, which used to have a separate site of its own

(the old site, [hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://hanovercommunitycenter.com), still works and redirects to the page now hosted on the new Township website). All the information previously found on the Community Center page, such as for rentals, reservations and memberships, are still there. You'll also find a tab dedicated to pool information, which includes hours and pricing for passes, both daily and full season.

Knowing how many residents felt about the website, and understanding that the site didn't meet the Township's needs, updating it was a top priority of this current Board of Supervisors. Once the Board hired Mark last year, it was near the top of a very long to-do list for the new Township Manager. He quickly got the ball rolling, circulating a number of website providers to Board members and staff in order to get feedback.

Once a decision was made, it was no easy task sorting all the information hosted on the old site and converting it over to the new site. Township staff also had to be trained on using the new site. Hats off to them for making this a reality.

While the new site is a major improvement, it is still somewhat of a work in progress. As always, your feedback is welcomed but more updates and additions are in the works. For instance, the Board of Supervisors approved at a recent meeting eventually adding a section to the website that includes non-Township affiliated external links, such as local youth sports organizations, scouts, the Hanover swim team, the Bethlehem Library and others that could be helpful for residents. ■





## New Park Trees Shade Tree Advisory Board News

The beautiful parks throughout Hanover Township give us open space for walking, recreation, and relaxation. A vital part of each park is the multitude of trees that give shade for people and shelter for birds and other wildlife. Maintaining this valuable resource sometimes includes removing trees due to storm damage or other hazards. The task of advising the Public Works Department about replacing dead or missing park trees is an important part of the Shade Tree Advisory Board's responsibilities.

Each spring and fall, about a dozen new trees are planted in the various parks throughout the Township. Since the spring of 2023, 60 trees have been added to the open spaces. Sometimes they replace dead park trees that had to be removed, and others bring street trees to areas that are along park property. We try to bring in flowering trees that will bring spring beauty as well as shade trees that will grow in the coming years to benefit all of us.

This is expensive, and you may be interested in where the funds come from to pay for this work twice each year. This is not Township tax money! The Park Tree account is funded by developers who cannot meet the Township's zoning requirements for landscaping their property as to the minimum number of new trees that must be planted. This applies to new construction and remodeling of existing properties.

The many species planted since 2023 include: "Chinkapin" Oak, "Shumard" Oak, "Exclamation" London Plane, "Halka" Honey Locust, "Ruby Sunset" Maple, "Urban Sunset" Maple, "Okama" Cherry, "Emerald Sunshine" Elm, and "First

Blush" Cherry. Public Works crews have a regular schedule to water each new tree for the first two growing seasons, which is vital the trees' survival.

The next time you pass a smallish tree in one of our parks, you'll know it's an important part of this ongoing dedication to keeping the Township parks beautiful for many years to come.

Many Township residents planted trees last fall and this spring. Thank you! Be sure to keep the trees growing by watering them weekly so that the soil is damp when you check it about two inches below the surface. You don't want them waterlogged, just damp. A layer of two to three inches of mulch helps keep the tree's roots moist but do keep the mulch a couple inches away from the tree's trunk to keep it healthy. ■



The Shade Tree Advisory Board meets at 6pm on the last Monday each month in the Township building. Please attend any time you have tree questions. Check the Township website to verify the meeting date each month, since it can vary due to holidays.

## Volunteer Fire & EMS cont. from page 1

communities is inevitable to meet staffing needs and contain equipment costs, the vital service the department presently provides remains an old-fashioned bargain.

Now, a portion of our property taxes collected is dedicated as a fire tax. The Township deposits that portion of taxes collected from the fire tax into a fund which has traditionally been used exclusively to purchase equipment, such as trucks, air packs and ambulances. The Township also transfers an annual sum from the general tax fund to supplement what the Fire and EMS personnel can raise through fundraising and collection of EMS fees.

Township employees also seek and file for grants annually. We are so pleased to thank Representative Steve Samuelson and Senator Nick Miller for securing an LSA

grant in the amount of \$92,500 announced just this month, May 2025. This sum will be used to purchase much-needed radios for the department. This timely grant will offset a portion of the cost of those radios.

In addition to meeting their training requirements, tending to the administration of the department and answering a rising number of calls, the members must dedicate time and effort to fundraising. We all can do our part to support our neighbors, friends and volunteers by answering the Spring Fundraising Call. Each resident should have received a spring fundraising mailer from the department addressed to "Friend of the Fire Company." If you mistakenly discarded it as junk mail, donations can be mailed to: Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, 100 Stoke Park Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017-9415. The flyer also can be found on page 19 of this newsletter. Please donate today. ■

## From the Chief: *Rules of the Road*

By Chief James DePalma, Colonial Regional Police

If you're like most people, you spend a considerable amount of time driving or riding in a vehicle. Whether it's to or from work, to the store, or just doing the things you enjoy doing, you are probably spending a considerable amount of time driving on the roadways within the Commonwealth. If you do, I'm sure that you have noticed that you share the roadways not only with other vehicles, but with pedestrians, pedal cycles, motorized pedal cycles, and ATVs. Our department receives numerous inquiries as to whether these vehicles are legally allowed to be on our roadways and what are the rules of the road for these vehicles. Hopefully this addresses any questions you may have.



- ▶ **Pedestrian:** An individual afoot, an individual with a mobility-related disability on a self-propelled wheelchair, or an electrical mobility device operated by and designated for the exclusive use of an individual with a mobility-related disability.
- ▶ **Pedal cycle:** A vehicle propelled solely by human-powered pedals or a pedal cycle with electric assistance.

- ▶ **Motorized pedal cycle:** A motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals, a motor rated no more than 1.5 brake horsepower, a cylinder capacity not exceeding 50 cubic centimeters, an automatic transmission, and a maximum design speed of no more than 25 miles per hour or an electric motor-driven cycle equipped with operable pedals and an automatic transmission powered by an electric battery or battery pack powered electric motor with a maximum design speed of no more than 25 miles per hour.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that a pedestrian, in the absence of sidewalks, and shoulder, may walk in the roadway as close to the edge as practicable and must walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic. This also includes joggers. Vehicles must yield the right of way to any pedestrian within a marked crosswalk, or any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection not controlled by a traffic signal.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires that any person riding a pedal cycle on a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle. Meaning, pedal cycles are to be treated like any other vehicle on the roadway, and pedal cycles must obey all the rules of the road that any other vehicle would have to. Pedal cycles must travel in the same lane as all other vehicles traveling in the same direction, are required to travel to the far-right side of the lane they are traveling in, except when turning left, and vehicles when passing a pedal cycle must have a four-foot clearance while passing. When in use between sunrise and sunset, pedal cycles must be equipped on the front with a lamp, with a red reflector facing to the rear and with an amber reflector on each side. Pedal cycles, when traveling on a sidewalk or on a path used by pedestrians, must yield the right of way to the pedestrian and must give an audible signal when overtaking any pedestrian.

- ▶ **Motorized Pedal cycle:** Motorized Pedal cycles must be registered, insured and the driver must be licensed with a class C license. Drivers and passengers under 21 years of age must wear a helmet. They do not need to be inspected but must have lights. Their maximum speed is 25 miles per hour. They must obey all the rules of the road as any other vehicle that is on the roadway and because they are slower moving vehicles they are required to drive to the far right of the right lane unless passing another vehicle or making a left turn. They are also prohibited from riding on any limited access highway.

- ▶ **Motorized Scooter /Minibike:** Must be registered, insured and have required lighting. Driver must have a class M license if the vehicle is greater than 50 cubic centimeters. If less than 50 cubic centimeters you must have a class C license. Drivers, if they are less than 21 years of age must wear a helmet. Minibikes can only be driven on private property with the expressed consent of the owner. Driving on public property and parks within the Township is strictly prohibited. Violators and/or their parents can be cited for violations of Township Ordinances.

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code makes it unlawful to operate a snowmobile or an ATV on any street or highway which is not designated and posted as snowmobile or/and ATV road by the governmental agency having jurisdiction. A snowmobile or ATV may cross a roadway only at a 90-degree angle, after coming to a complete stop and after yielding the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic which constitutes an immediate hazard.

There you have it. I hope this cleared things up, and didn't confuse you even more. And if you were wondering, if you are driving any of these with enough alcohol or drugs in your system, you can be arrested and charged with DUI. ■



## Protecting Pollinators: Say No to Herbicides This Spring

By Alicia Aziz

As gardens come alive with color this spring, it's important to remember we're not the only ones enjoying the blooms—our pollinator friends, especially bees, depend on them for survival. Unfortunately, many of the herbicides used to keep our yards weed free can do serious harm to these essential insects.

### The Hidden Danger of Herbicides

When bees are exposed to Herbicide chemicals, it can weaken their immune systems, disrupt their navigation, and even lead to colony collapse.

Even small traces of herbicide in your yard can have big consequences for bee populations, which are already in decline.

### Bee-Friendly Ways to Banish Weeds

The good news? You don't need harsh chemicals to keep your garden looking great. Here are some natural, pollinator-safe ways to manage weeds:

- ▶ **Mulching:** A thick layer of organic mulch (like wood chips, straw, or grass clippings) smothers weeds, retains moisture, and improves soil health without harming bees.
- ▶ **Boiling Water:** A quick pour of boiling water directly onto weeds is an easy and effective way to kill them without chemicals. Just be sure to avoid splashing nearby plants or yourself.



- ▶ **Vinegar Spray** Mix white vinegar with a few drops of dish soap and spray it on weeds during a hot, sunny day. This natural weed killer is effective on young weeds but avoid spraying near flowers or bee-friendly plants.
- ▶ **Manual Weeding** Old-fashioned, yes, but pulling weeds by hand or using a hoe remains one of the most reliable and eco-friendly methods. It's also a great way to get some fresh air and exercise.
- ▶ **Plant Ground Covers** Low-growing ground covers like clover, creeping thyme, or sweet alyssum outcompete weeds and provide forage for pollinators at the same time.

Garden bees will thank you for ditching herbicides and choosing natural alternatives: You're not just removing weeds, you're creating a haven for pollinators, improving your soil, and protecting your family and pets.

Let's make this spring a season of safe, sustainable gardening—for us and for the bees. ■

## Sun Shines Brightly Over Hanover Township's Armed Forces Day

By Dante Terenzio

Under an abundance of sunshine, Hanover Township's prestigious Armed Forces Day was held on Saturday, May 17. Our guest speaker, Pam McGaha, is a retired Brigadier General in the US Army who recently concluded a 37-year military career while serving as the Commanding General, NATO Headquarters Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina. General McGaha most recently served as the Commanding General of the 143d Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Orlando, Florida—the largest ESC in the U.S. Army, with more than 8,300 soldiers and civilians, and 90 units across 10 states. During her career, she deployed in several overseas missions including Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard in Hungary and the Balkans, and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Her military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Meritorious



Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. McGaha is also a Distinguished Member of the 213th Regimental Association and resides in Hanover Township.



## Hanover Township Community Center



**Dante Terenzio**  
Recreation Director

**Don't forget to register your child for summer camp and/or the Parks Programs before it's too late!**

# Pool Season on Tap as Summer Nears

**Year Two of the new and improved Hanover Township pool is rapidly approaching, and here at the Community Center, we could not be more excited to observe our members enjoying access to this beautiful facility.**

**Mark down Saturday, June 7** on your calendar, as this is the date we will open. Hours of operation are 12–7pm every day. We will also conduct swim lessons on a daily basis from 7–7:30pm. You may check rates for pool and swim lessons on our website at [hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://hanovercommunitycenter.com).

Prior to opening each weekday, the Hanover Stingrays will utilize pool time in the early morning. According to coach Evan Kocon, the swim team saw an increase in numbers and expected to compete for a Suburban League Conference title this season. You can catch the Stingrays at home on June 16, June 23, July 2, and July 10. The pool will close at 4:30pm on those four dates.

Children of our summer camp will also enjoy pool time each morning during the eight-week (June 9–August 1) program. We currently have an average of 33 children per week registered for camp. We do expect several more to filter in as the end of the school year approaches and families confirm their summer plans. With that said, be sure to register your child for summer camp before it's too late! We also offer a two-week Parks Program at two of our parks from August 4–15. We still have spots available for both Pharo Park and Municipal Park, but they will fill up fast. You may register your child for both Summer Camp and our Parks Program on the HTCC website or at the HTCC front desk.

**Some summer events coming up:** June 4–7 from 6–10pm is the Hanover Township Carnival. We will also host three Dip and Dances on June 21 (1–3 p.m.), July 12 (1–3pm) and August 5 (6–9pm). The August Dip and Dance will coincide with our annual National Night Out event. ■



Be sure to check the HTCC Facebook page for programming updates.



## HTCC Spring/Summer Programming

### RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Junior Tennis Clinic
- Open Pickleball and Pickleball 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 • Pilates

### CARD GAMES (all games begin at 1pm)

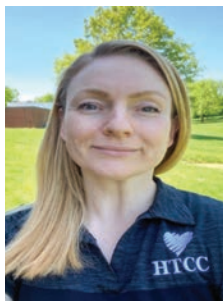
Monday: Bridge • Tuesday: Pinochle;  
Wednesday: Mahjogg • Friday: Hand and Foot

Please visit

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

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

## Hanover Township Community Center



**Lisa Outcalt**  
HTCC Preschool  
Director

## HTCC Preschool Update

We are happy to report HTCC Preschool is coming to the end of a successful third academic year, and we are 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 learning about starting a vegetable patch.

In the next academic year, 2025–26, we are looking forward to continuing to create a positive and safe learning environment for preschoolers within the Hanover Township community and beyond. We will continue to learn about the fundamentals for kindergarten readiness, art activities, and S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) focused activities.

Our Pre-Kindergarten class are currently preparing for their transition to Kindergarten at Asa Packer Elementary School and Hanover Elementary School. Our teachers couldn't be prouder of how far our students have come in the two-three 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 and know they can and will be successful in life.

As always, the teachers and I at HTCC Preschool are always thankful for the amazing support from our Township through donations, supporting our special 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. ■

HTCC Preschool are currently taking registrations for students aged 3-5+ on our website or reach out to Lisa at [PreschoolDirector@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:PreschoolDirector@hanovertwp-cc.org) to arrange a tour of the preschool.





## Hanover Township Community Center

### What Makes HTCC a Wonderful Place? The Staff! By Dante Terenzio

Drive through the Hanover Township Community Center parking lot on a weekday morning and you'll most likely see a near-full parking lot. Our senior fitness programming is thriving, as we've seen huge numbers in our gymnasium each morning. Adding nearly twice as many padded chairs for classes like Silver Sneakers Classic, Chair Yoga, and Low-Level Weights is a direct correlation to the growth of our senior memberships.

Giving HTCC an extra spark is the staff. Members want to feel comfortable, accepted, and welcomed, especially when entering a workout facility. Our staff makes it a point to greet members with a smile and friendly conversation.

Joy Hovancik, Jaspreet Kaur, Kathy Kramer, and Diane Moeser are just some of the kind faces you will see when entering the Community Center on most mornings. They take great pride in their job and all play important roles in the daily operations of our programming, activities, and events. HTCC would not be what it is without this incredible staff.

#### Getting to Know the Morning Crew

Hovancik came to HTCC just two weeks after retiring from her 37-year career as an office manager at Aesthetic Surgery Associates. She has been married for 34 years, has two grown children, and a grandchild. Hovancik's favorite part of working for the Community Center is the people she has met along the way.

"I came to the Community Center because I quickly became bored after retirement. I love the members; I do have a few favorites," Hovancik laughed. "Plus working with our staff is always fun."



Joy Hovancik and Diane Moeser

Outside of work, Hovancik enjoys spending time reading during her morning cup of coffee, taking walks, knitting, and playing bingo at the Community Center.

Kaur began working at HTCC in the beginning of 2023. She is especially excited to work for the community in which she lives, and credits HTCC for providing a great work-personal life balance.

"Interacting with different people and the fantastic work environment is what I like most," Kaur said.

Kaur formerly worked as a web designer and Java Developer. She has a college-aged daughter, high school-aged son, and her husband is a senior manager at a financial firm. She enjoys reading, cooking, knitting, and watching late-night horror films with her daughter.

Kramer and Moeser came to HTCC when it reopened after Covid. Kramer viewed the opportunity as a great way to jump start life after Covid isolation.

"I enjoy the community, the staff, and the way things are run," Kramer said. "Seeing the progression since the early days has been great. I believe doing what's best for the members is important."

Prior to HTCC, Kramer retired from Guardian Life Insurance as a business analyst after a 24 year career with the U.S. Air Force where she worked as an area sales manager at the Base Exchange.

Moeser initially wanted a part-time job where she could meet and talk to people and still stay active.

"The people are what makes this place a nice facility to work," Moeser said. "My coworkers are great, as well as the members."



Kathy Kramer and Jaspreet Kaur

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Moeser previously worked for DeSales University as Director of Special Events for 29 years. Her main responsibilities were fundraising for a 700 guest Black Tie Dinner Dance, a two-flight golf tournament, Homecoming, along with several other high-end events. It comes as no surprise that Moeser plays a huge part in running the HTCC Golf Tournament each year.

Moeser lives in Hanover Township with her husband of 54 years, has two daughters, and six grandchildren. She enjoys golf, book club, knitting, mahjong, walking, and attending her grandkids' activities. ■

## Thank You to HTCC's Special-Event Sponsors!

**Events at HTTC – Mark Your Calendar!**

- **June 4-7**      **Hanover Township Carnival**  
6-10pm (Municipal Tract)
- **June 21**      **Dip and Dance**  
1-3pm (Hanover Township Pool)
- **July 11**      **4th annual HTCC Golf Tournament**  
(Whitetail Golf Club)
- **July 12**      **Dip and Dance**  
1-3pm (Hanover Township Pool)
- **August 5**      **National Night Out + Dip and Dance**  
6-9pm (Hanover Township Pool)
- **September 11**      **Patriot Day** (HTCC Apron)
- **October 4**      **Fall Fest** (Municipal Tract)
- **November 15**      **Turkey Bowl**  
(Football Game at Municipal Park)
- **December 5**      **Tree Lighting** (Municipal Tract)
- **December 6**      **Breakfast with Santa** (HTCC)

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Following General McGaha's passionate speech, a benediction was given by First Responders Chaplain Corps Assistant, Chris Templeton. An Army veteran, Templeton currently serves as a detective in the Colonial Regional Police Department. Also on hand was the American Legion Band of Bethlehem, American Legion 379, and Boys Scout Troops 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem. This event would not have been possible without the support of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors, and the hard work of the Hanover Township Public Works department. ■

## BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIES  
COLOR OUR WORLD™

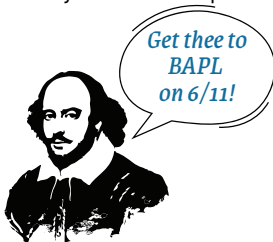
## SUMMER AT YOUR LIBRARY



Color your world with library fun this summer at all of our locations! From Saturday, June 2nd through July 26th, Hanover residents who BAPL cardholders may register for our free reading and learning summer incentive program. Simply complete the challenges and earn prizes. Check our online calendar for summer programming for all ages! And if you don't have a library card, now is the perfect time to get one! It's free!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT BAPL

BAPL hosts a variety of engaging programs throughout the year. See our online events calendar at [bapl.org](http://bapl.org) or scan the QR in the bottom left corner to register. Highlights of this summer's calendar include Story Circles (for 55+), Paint Your Partner, a visit from The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, and tons of storytimes and fun events for kids.



**Gentle Yoga | Wednesdays at noon**  
**Open Mic | Mondays at 5pm**  
**Main Library Book Sale | July 16 & 19**  
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## School News & Updates

### Hanover Elementary School

**Hanover's High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks** have been hard at work learning and making memories! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our interim principal, Mr. Fontanez! Hanover staff, students, and parents are so grateful for your guidance, support, and fun-loving attitude. We appreciate all that you do to make our school great! Now...2025 started off with a bang! In early February, we celebrated our 100th day of school, showed our team spirit during our Super Bowl Spirit Day, and witnessed many cool science experiments during our school-wide Mad Science assembly! Valentine's Day was also celebrated by the students! Classrooms hosted Valentine's Day parties with snacks, games, crafts, and in addition, students were able to send their friends "Philly Pretzel Valentines" as a school fundraiser! A wonderful time was had by all! As a treat, fifth grade students were thrilled to attend the Nitschmann Musical entitled "*Anything Goes*."

March brought lots of fantastic opportunities for our Hanover Hawks! We celebrated Read Across America throughout the month! We were fortunate to have BOTH Liberty High School Baseball and Football Teams read to our students! In addition, the students celebrated by "Flashlight Reading" (Yes, we read in the dark with flashlights—a BIG hit!), "Teacher Trade Tuesday" (Teachers read to students in another grade level), and Reading Jogs Your Mind Day, whereby students dressed in workout gear and read lots of books! Our Read Across America culminating activity was our Hanover Teacher Olympics, which were held because our students read over 400,000 minutes in the month of March! Teachers participated in many different activities in order to win the gold! Fun was had by all! Congrats "Team Legend"! Next up....Our AWESOME Hanover Bingo Night! What a fun night! Great food, great prizes, and great camaraderie! And...let's not forget the FANTASTIC Hanover Spring Scholastic Book Fair! Our students LOVE to read...and the book fair is a great place to purchase new reading material! Additionally, our first grade students celebrated St. Patty's Day with a Green Luncheon... and put on a spectacular Penguin Presentation!

Hanover has also had a few "Guest Stars" visit our school! Mayor Reynolds visited our Third Grade students, Dennis Scholl (author of the novel *Tales of the Towpath*) and Steve Samuelson (State Representative) visited Fourth Grade, and... thanks to our fabulous PTA...guest author Josh Funk visited the students at Hanover! Thank you, Hanover PTA!

In April, PPL made a visit to our school in order to honor one of our students, Evy, who won the Grand Prize in the PPL Bright Kids Poster Contest! Also, Our Fourth Grade students



received a surprise visit from IXL Math Representatives for their measurable progress in student achievement! Under Mrs. Rhode's direction, fifth graders showed off their musical skills by performing in the 5th Grade Musical! What a fantastic opportunity! During the month, we also hosted a Dine & Donate at Copperhead Grille, participated in the Cops N' Kids Parade, took PSSA state tests, held Screen-Free Week, Grade 2 students played in a Flutophone Concert, kindergarten teachers held informative sessions during Hanover's Kindergarten Literacy Night, and Grades 3-5 learned about healthy eating and helped plant a school garden through the great teachings of the Kellyn Foundation! April also brings the end to our wonderful Knitting Club (Grades 4-5), which takes place each Tuesday after school from October through April. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Reiss for all of her time and effort!

The month of May brought Teacher Appreciation Week... and boy did our PTA...along with our students...do a FANTASTIC JOB making our teachers feel loved and appreciated! In May we look forward to many Hanover traditions...Hanover Field Day, Hanover Spring Concert, the 5th Grade Track Meet, Fifth Grade vs. Teachers Kickball Game, Grade 4 Science Fair... and our Volunteer Appreciation Event where Hanover shows appreciation for the many parent volunteers that make our school the amazing place that it is! The school year ends with our PTA generously allowing each grade the opportunity to explore new environments through participating in class field trips (Kindergarten-Wildlands Conservancy, Grade 1-DaVinci Science Center, Grade 2-Zoellner Arts Center's Captain Nemo's Adventure, Grade 3-Burnside Plantation, Grade 4-Harrisburg, and Grade 5-Statue of Liberty). Thank you to our PTA!

Finally, June brings two fantastic events that we look forward to each year...Hanover Senior Day and our 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony! Each year, Hanover welcomes back

our Hanover seniors in order to celebrate them because... Once a Hanover Hawk...Always a Hanover Hawk! We also celebrate our fifth graders, who will move on to middle school and make their mark on the world!

REALLY GREAT things are happening at Hanover...and it stems from the partnership we have with our school community! A HUGE thanks to the parents and volunteers! We appreciate all that you do! Have a fun, safe summer, Hanover! ■

## Asa Packer Elementary School

**Spring has sprung** and our Puma's have been busy making memories to end the 2024/25 school year. March kicked off with Read Across America from March 3rd–7th. Asa welcomed surprise guests throughout the district and the community to read to the students. March also brought Pastries with a Pal; students invited a special adult guest to the school for a yummy treat before going off to class for the day. Book Bingo, sponsored by the PTA was held at the school on March 14th. Asa students loved going home with new books as prizes. The PTA also celebrated Earth Day alongside Neighborhood Forest, a non-profit organization, who provide trees to children to plant in their neighborhoods.

Asa's PTA fund raisers were busy setting up Dine & Donate nights and other fundraisers to help raise funds for the student trips and assemblies. Asa families enjoyed yummy soup and sandwiches at Panera in March. Matey's American Pizza Company held a sale for the school in April. Many Asa families were able to stock up their freezers with the famous Lehigh Valley frozen pizzas. Easter Baskets were filled to the brim with decadent Gertrude Hawk chocolates in April. Reunion Chinese Restaurant, owned and operated by an Asa family, welcomed fellow Asa families for Chinese takeout giving them a break from cooking to enjoy authentic Chinese food. Spring Dine and Donate nights ended in May with kids loading up their cups with frozen yogurt and candy treats at Menchie's.

Before Spring brought us warm weather, our amazing PTA lit up the Asa gymnasium with a night of music and dancing in our first annual Glow Party in March. Our Asa students had a blast glowing the night away. We couldn't have made this possible without the donation from Christmas City Landscaping & Tree Service. Thanks to Patient First and the PTA, the Asa students and families enjoyed a night out at Whitehall Skateaway in April. Asa families had a blast rolling around the rink, playing games and eating tasty snack stand goodies. Asa's annual Patio Party was held on May 9th, it may have been a rainy week, but that didn't stop our determined PTA, staff and helpers from putting on one of the best parties the school has seen. The gym was filled with bounce houses, carnival games, face painters, a balloon artist, photo booth and demonstrations from Action Karate Bethlehem. The gym was also rocking with a band from California Drum Shop.



Our bus lane was lined with food trucks offering local cuisine, with a portion of their sales donated to the school. Thank you to our sponsors, Patient First, Pat's Pizzeria, Miranda Transportation, Christmas City Photography, Christmas City Landscaping & Tree Service.

Student Lighthouse and Sunshine Club members continue to assemble and set up a drive for Lehigh Valley Humane Society. They collected much needed supplies for the shelter animals awaiting their FURever homes. They also organized a Toiletry Supply Drive to collect everyday essentials for local shelters and community organizations providing assistance to the unhoused. The student leaders also organized Spirit Week during the PSSA's that were being taken by our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. The students had PUMA Pride Days, Hawaiian Day, Mismatched Day, Dress to Impress, Sports Day and Twin Day. Puma students really went ALL out each day to show their pride for the school and support of their fellow students taking the PSSA's. The students also participated in the Cops 'N' Kids Book Drive and held our Asa Packer Puma Pride Banner at the event which took place on March 26th.

Music filled the auditorium this Spring beginning with the 2nd graders Flutophone Concert. The students practiced all year and showed off their skills during performances for the student body and their families. The 1st and 3rd graders, along with the school band and orchestra, belted out 50's tunes and songs about Spring. Asa's 5th graders also performed in a musical for the school this Spring. They sang, danced and acted their hearts out!! It was a heartwarming good-bye to their last year of Elementary School before moving up to Middle School.



**Asa Packer School cont. from page 13**

Spring also brings class field trips which are never disappointing. Sponsored by the PTA, with funds raised by our generous Asa families, the kids get to make memories that will last a lifetime. This year, Kindergarten students enjoyed an in-school demonstration by Equi-librium Therapy Horses, 1st grade also enjoyed an in-school hands-on presentation from Da Vinci Science Center. The 2nd graders got to enjoy America's Favorite past-time at the Iron Pigs Game on Education Day. The Lehigh Valley Zoo hosted the 3rd graders where they got to learn about some of the local animals in the Lehigh Valley. The 4th graders mixed fun with an educational lesson at the State's Capitol in Harrisburg. The 5th graders journeyed to New York City for a fun filled day of visiting the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It was an unforgettable trip for the students and staff.

Children's author Josh Funk came to visit Asa Packer in May and talked to the kids about becoming a writer, the inspiration behind his fun books and gave them a sneak peek and a reading of the 7th book in his Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast Series out September 9, 2025. Be sure to pick up a copy at The End, Let's Play Books Company in Allentown. May also brought Teacher Appreciation Week. The Asa PTA and families made sure to bring in delicious treats, gifts and all-around goodness for the Asa Staff. We truly have the BEST teachers and staff BASD has to offer. Being in the presence of the Asa staff members every day is a blessing for our Asa Family.

Field Day took place in May, run by our amazing P.E. teacher, Mr. Felt. He joined the Asa family this year as the new P.E. teacher and the students can't stop talking about how great he is. Field Day also couldn't run without our parent volunteers.



Kindergarten Welcoming Day took place on May 15th. The incoming class of 2038 met their future teachers and learned about Asa Packer. In May Asa's 5th graders took a tour of Nitschmann Middle School, competed in the BASD 5th grade track race, participated in the Moving Up Ceremony and celebrated at the 5th grade party to say good-bye to Asa Packer. Asa Packer also hosted Liberty High School Students from the graduating class of 2025 to walk the halls of Asa Packer, the school that started their BASD journey.

Asa Packer students ended classes on June 6th. Some will return to the summer childcare program beginning on June 12th. We hope you all have an exciting and safe summer break. Be sure to check out the Fall HanoverView Newsletter to hear all about the fun times the Asa family is having once back in the swing of the school year!!! ■

**Liberty High School Music Educators Call Hanover Township Home**

By John N. Diacogiannis, Board of Supervisors

As "senior" alum of Liberty High School (before Freedom HS existed) and a member of the very first renowned LHS Grenadier Band, I have always had an affinity to music in the

Bethlehem Area School District. To be sure, the Bethlehem area public, parochial and charter schools all make our local schools a great place for student musicians. Many Hanover Township residents have either participated in those musical endeavors or have sons and daughters who have. Despite my eldest son playing for the Freedom Patriot Band (when Hanover was Freedom territory), I'm still a Hurricane and

Grenadier. I'm so very pleased to introduce two wonderful music teachers at Liberty High School who call Hanover Township their home.

Julie Wydrzynski is Liberty High School's Director of Choral Music and Fine and Practical Arts Department Chair. She is a proud Hanover Township native, growing up in Stafore Estates where her parents Barb and Steve Skrapits still live. She is a proud graduate of Hanover Elementary School, Nitschmann Middle School and Liberty High School. At those schools, she developed her love for music and had incredible teachers to help foster her growth in the world of music. She later attended West Chester University where she earned a



Bachelor of Music Education with a focus on Piano, and a Masters in Music Performance with a concentration on Choral Conducting.

Julie's passion for teaching music is quite evident. "The decision to enter the field of teaching was an easy one. I really enjoyed music, and the thought of spending each day helping others enjoy something that is so fascinating to me sounded like a good fit. Upon graduating, I continued to live in Chester County for eight years until an incredible opportunity opened at Liberty. The stars aligned and I found myself working at my own alma mater as the choral director and Department Chair of the Fine and Practical Arts. The even better part is that I found a home in the township one mile away from my childhood home and can now send my own kids to the very schools that helped shape me. My husband Shawn is the Choral Director at Nitschmann Middle School and we are thrilled that our own kids will attend the schools that we work at—although I'm not sure how thrilled they will be to have mom and dad at school every day!"

In addition to her work at Liberty High School, she is also the Music Director at Epworth United Methodist Church. "If I am not at one of those two places, I can be found in a dance studio, or on a soccer or baseball field following my kids around from one activity to the next! I love this step of my journey, being a busy mom and juggling my many responsibilities. I am thrilled to call Hanover Township my home and am so blessed to have such wonderful neighbors and live in this beautiful community."

Allen Frank is Director of Instrumental Music at Liberty High School. After living in Philadelphia until he was eight, most of his formative years were spent in Ohio. However, as the son of a pastor and historian in the Moravian Church, Bethlehem has always been an area familiar to him. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Quantico, Virginia, as a member of the Quantico Marine Corps Band. "It was a great way to serve my country and to continue my passion for music. My dad and brother had moved to Bethlehem in the mid-90s, so upon my honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 1998, I also decided to move to Bethlehem to attend Moravian College. After graduating from Moravian with a BA in Music in 2002, I had the unique opportunity to tour with the Tony- and Emmy Award-winning Broadway musical *BLAST!*. I toured until 2003 before returning to Moravian College to obtain my teaching



certification in 2004, and I have been in the classroom for the past 21 years."

Along with his teaching responsibilities at Liberty, Allen is also a freelance tuba player in the Lehigh Valley. He is a member of the Mainstreet Brass Quintet, which can be seen playing at Central Moravian Church, ceremonies at Lehigh University, the annual Bach Festival, and many other events around the area. He is also a conductor with the Moravian Music Foundation, having conducted festivals here in Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Cape Town, South Africa.

"I have had the opportunity to live in many of the areas around Bethlehem, and I feel very at home in Hanover Township! I live with Jayme Gassler, who is a life-long Hanover resident and a teacher at Hanover Elementary School. My son, Jonathan, is finishing his first year at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, majoring in Accounting,

with a minor in Music."

When asked about his decision to enter the field of music and teaching, Allen's response was rather unique. "Music was always a passion of mine. I grew up doing theatre from a very young age, have always been a singer, and I picked up a few instruments before landing on the tuba in 8th grade, and I never looked back. The tuba has taken me around the world and has given me many unique opportunities. As a student, it was the Arts that kept me coming to school every day. I was not focused in the classroom, so it was the music activities that kept me focused. Remembering what that felt like for me, I wanted to be somebody who could help give students that same outlet. After playing professionally with the Marines and touring with *BLAST!*, the performance bug began to leave me and I knew my place was in the classroom. Although my dad was the minister, I always saw teaching as my ministry. It's my way to be a positive influence on students and the community. I love nothing more than living in the community where I teach. As the Director of the LHSGB and Orchestra, I am well aware of the responsibility that comes with this position and how important it is to the Bethlehem community. It is an honor each and every day to be in this position!" ■



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## *Everything Ends Up in Our Streams*





## Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co. Receives \$92,500 State Grant for New Radios

By Rep. Steve Samuelson (135th Legislative District)

**In May, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company was awarded a \$92,581 state grant** to assist with the purchase of new radios. I was pleased to work together with Senator Nick Miller

to secure this state funding through the Local Share Account (LSA) program, under which a portion of casino revenues is shared with neighboring municipalities to support community projects. The radios will enhance communication among the command staff and with agencies like the County Emergency Management Department and PA State Police during emergencies in Hanover Township and surrounding areas.

Last year, Senator Miller and I were able to secure two grants totaling \$670,000 to build a permanent fieldhouse at First Responders Park along Airport Road. Construction will start in 2026, and the fieldhouse will be used by the hundreds of athletes who play a variety of sports, including soccer and lacrosse, at this beautiful municipal park which Hanover Township developed 15 years ago. These grants were awarded through the LSA program and also a related statewide LSA grant opportunity.

And earlier this year, Senator Miller and I worked together to advocate for an \$85,000 grant which was awarded by DCNR through the Greenways, Trails and Recreation program to conduct a parks and recreation master plan for the township.

I am always glad to work with our Hanover Township Supervisors and staff as we seek ways to secure state support for vital township projects.

### Hanover Township office hours

My staff and I hold community office hours at the Hanover Township Community Center on the third Thursday of every month from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Stop by and see us to find out about state programs and benefits, discuss legislative issues, apply for a Property Tax / Rent Rebate, or get your SEPTA Key Card to ride regional rail lines for free if you are over 65. Our upcoming dates at the community center are Thursdays June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18.

My district office at 104 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, is open Monday through Friday from 8 to 5. Call us anytime at 610-867-3890.



## State Senator Nick Miller 14th Senatorial District

**My team has enjoyed meeting so many residents** of Hanover Township during our monthly mobile office hours at the Community Center. If you need assistance with state programs, want to share your input on legislation, or simply

wish to meet our team and learn about the resources we can provide, please stop by. We're there on the second Wednesday of every month from 9am to 11:30am. Hope to meet you soon!

Over the past year, I've been proud to begin serving as Chair of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Policy Committee. I have held numerous hearings on topics that directly impact residents—including energy affordability, healthcare access, and worker protections. Joining the School Safety and Security Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has allowed me to further my commitment to strengthening public safety and enhancing the well-being of Pennsylvania's students, educators, and communities.

Last year, I worked with Representative Samuelson to secure more than \$670,000 for improvements to First Responders Park, including a concession area, storage, and a new multipurpose fieldhouse. Maintaining and upgrading parks

across the Lehigh Valley is a top priority, and I'm excited to see this investment benefit our community.

In April, we hosted our first Homebuyer Expo for residents eager to learn more about the home-buying process. We gathered local experts to speak directly with residents and offer support. We also held our third annual Seniors & Veterans Expo with Representative McNeill at the Whitehall Mall, where dozens of vendors provided resources to seniors and veterans from across the Lehigh Valley. Stay tuned for upcoming events on our website: [pasenatormiller.com/events](https://pasenatormiller.com/events).

In Harrisburg, I continue to advocate for policies that will positively impact you by addressing affordability, supporting small businesses, and enhancing public safety.

I also partnered with Governor Shapiro's administration on the PA SITES program, which prepares land for development and recently awarded over \$1 million to the Lehigh Valley to revitalize a brownfield site. Education remains a top priority, with historic 2024 budget investments in school infrastructure, safe learning environments, and student-teacher support, guided by the Basic Education Funding Commission's recommendations. Additionally, the renewed Main Street Matters program is revitalizing local downtowns.

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## Election Security

By County Executive Lamont G. McClure

I want to take a moment to speak directly to you, not only about the importance of participating in our democracy, but also about the extraordinary effort that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that every

vote is counted accurately, securely, and fairly.

Since the passage of Act 77 in 2019 and Act 88 in 2022, the way elections are conducted in Pennsylvania has changed significantly. These laws brought about sweeping reforms to modernize and expand access to the ballot box, while also placing new responsibilities on counties like ours to ensure secure and transparent election operations.

Act 77 gave Pennsylvania voters the ability to cast a no-excuse mail-in ballot, making it easier than ever for citizens to vote from home. It also extended voter registration deadlines and made other important updates to the election code to reflect the needs of modern voters. In turn, Act 88 imposed new requirements for election integrity and security, mandating secure ballot storage, chain-of-custody protocols, and reporting standards, all critical components of public trust in the process.

These reforms, while welcome in many respects, have required Northampton County to adapt quickly and comprehensively. Administering elections today is not confined to a single department or office; it is an all-hands-on-deck effort involving multiple county departments and hundreds of staff members and volunteers. From IT professionals securing our systems, to Elections staff preparing ballots and managing logistics, to emergency responders, public works crews, and even retirees returning to assist, every part of county government has a role to play.

A crucial part of this effort is ensuring the security of ballot drop boxes. Under Act 88, the County has implemented enhanced measures to ensure that ballots submitted this way



are safe and accounted for. The Northampton County Sheriff's Office plays a direct role in this process. Deputies are assigned to monitor and collect ballots from drop boxes across the county, ensuring they are handled under strict chain-of-custody procedures. Their participation provides another layer of security and public confidence in our election system.

Our commitment to fair and accurate elections has demanded long hours, intensive training, and careful coordination. What the public sees on Election Day is just the tip of the iceberg. Behind the scenes, we are working tirelessly to meet every legal requirement, respond to every challenge, and uphold the confidence you place in us.

As your County Executive, I want you to know how seriously we take this responsibility. I am deeply proud of our team and grateful for the support of a community that believes in the promise of democracy. Our elections are secure, accessible, and resilient, not in spite of these changes, but because of the dedicated public servants who meet them head-on.

When you cast a ballot this election season, whether in person or by mail, know that you are participating in a process built on hard work, integrity, and the shared belief that every vote matters.

Thank you for your trust, your participation, and your commitment to our community. ■



## From the Zoning Office: Trees and Shrubs Over Sidewalks

By Tracy Luisser, BCO & Zoning Officer

Please ensure that any tree branches overhanging the sidewalks are trimmed to be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. Additionally, shrubs should not extend over the sidewalk; please trim any branches or foliage that encroach on the sidewalk. It is important that the full width of the sidewalk remains free and clear for pedestrian use. ■



## 2025 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

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Sincerely,

Kathy I. Peters  
First Vice President



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**EMS CORNER****By: Karen Peters****EMS Director****1<sup>st</sup> QTR EMS CALL STATISTICS FOR 2025**

Medical Emergencies - 812

Motor Vehicle Accidents - 39

Fire Support - 23

**Total calls for the quarter - 874****Furry Friends**

You might have the friendliest dog in the world, and it would never hurt anyone; however, when its human is sick or injured, all bets are off.

If you need to call 911 and have a dog, please do your best to secure your dog in another room away from where the patient is located. This is for the safety of our crews responding to help the patient.

Dogs are known to protect their owners in emergencies. Dogs' instincts are shaped by their wolf ancestors. Their humans are part of their pack and will instinctively protect them. Dogs may actively protect their humans from intruders by barking, growling, or even intervening physically.

Be sure your dog is up to date with all the required shots, with paperwork or tag proof in the event of your dog biting an emergency responder. If you do not know if the dog is up to date, you can contact your vet, and they will be able to tell you. If your dog is not up to date on the shots and bites an emergency responder, the responder will have to go through the rabies vaccination series, and your dog may have to be quarantined and reported to public health authorities. Rabies is a fatal disease if left untreated.

Dogs are part of the family and are only trying to protect you. Be sure to have them vaccinated.







## 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 3 Men and a Bagel, Crayola, Just Born, Oasis, Lowe's, and Giant. Without your gracious donations, we would not have been able to have a basket raffle.

### 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 or stop by on a Monday night.

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## Celebrating National Public Works Week

By Mark Hudson, Township Manager



The week of May 18 marked National Public Works Week, and this year's theme—"People, Purpose, Presence"—captured the heart of what motivates our Public Works professionals each day. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of Hanover Township's operations, ensuring our community runs smoothly and safely.

You'll see the Hanover Township Public Works Crew throughout the year—mowing parks, collecting yard debris and leaves, repairing roads and storm sewers, maintaining Township buildings and the pool, servicing equipment, plowing snow, and even constructing playgrounds for our children. Their work often happens behind the scenes, but their impact is seen and felt across the Township.

As part of the celebration, the Public Works Crew brought their Touch a Truck Program to both of our elementary schools. This hands-on event gave our youngest residents an exciting opportunity to learn about the vehicles and tools used to keep our community in top shape. On display were a street sweeper, yard waste truck, bucket truck, tractor, loader, mini-excavator, dump truck, and skid steer—along with orange road signs and safety equipment. The event was a big hit with students and staff alike, and our crew enjoyed sharing their work and enthusiasm with the next generation.

Next time you see the Public Works Crew out in the community—whether in the parks or working on the roads—give them a wave of thanks. And please remember: Slow down and use caution when you see our crew at work. Their safety depends on it. ■