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Hanover Township Celebrates the Retirement of Longtime Supervisor *John N. Diacogiannis*

By Michael J. Prendeville, Board of Supervisors



As 2025 draws to a close, Hanover Township bids a fond farewell to one of its most dedicated public servants, John N. Diacogiannis, who will retire from the Board of Supervisors after an extraordinary 41 years of service. John's journey with the Township has been marked by unwavering commitment, strategic leadership, and a deep-rooted passion for community improvement. His retirement marks the end of an era, but his legacy will continue to shape Hanover for generations to come.

Born in Bethlehem in 1949, John grew up in the Lehigh Valley, graduating from Liberty High School in 1967. He pursued higher education with vigor, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Moravian College in 1971 and an MBA in Finance from Lehigh University in 1972. These academic foundations laid the groundwork for a successful career in finance and risk management.

Professionally, John began as a staff accountant and cash management specialist at Penn Dixie Industries in 1972. In 1975, he joined PPL Corporation, where he rose to the role of Risk and Corporate Insurance Manager. His expertise in insurance and risk extended beyond his day job, influencing his volunteer work and earning him prestigious designations such as Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU). John was actively involved in organizations like the Risk & Insurance Management Society, the Insurance Society of Philadelphia, the International Risk Management Institute, the Energy & Utilities Network, and Nuclear Energy Insurance Limited (NEIL), where he served as Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee.

John's personal life has been equally rich. In 1973, he moved to Hanover Township's Mark Twain Circle, putting down roots in the community he would later serve so faithfully. He married Elene Pitsilos Diacogiannis in 1974, and together they raised three sons: Telly, Niko, and Evan. The family relocated to Bonnie Avenue in 1982, further embedding themselves in Township life.

John's government involvement began in January 1979 when he joined the Hanover Planning Commission, serving until December 1984. In January 1985, he was elected to the Hanover Board of Supervisors, a position he has held ever since – culminating in over four decades of leadership. During his tenure, he served as Vice Chairman from January 2003 to December 2005 and as Chairman from January 2006 to December 2021, and again from January 2023 to December 2023. His steady hand guided the Township through growth, challenges, and opportunities.

Beyond Hanover, John's influence extended regionally. From January 2001 to December 2019, he contributed to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, including as Vice Chairman. Since January 2008, he has been a key member of the Colonial Regional Police Commission, serving as both Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. John also represented Hanover as a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) and as a representative to the Northampton County Council of Governments and the Nazareth

Hanover Township Pump Track – Now Open!

By Mark Hudson, Township Manager & Martin Limpar, Public Works Director

The new Hanover Township Pump Track is set to be a fantastic attraction for our residents and the surrounding community. The track was originally designed by Dave King of Dirt Sculpt, a nationally recognized trail builder. His design was then transformed into engineered plans by Hanover Engineering, our Township Engineer. Following Township bidding requirements, the project was put out for public bid, and Dirt Sculpt was awarded the contract as the lowest bidder.

Since mid-July, Dave and his talented crew have been hard at work, bringing this vision to life right here in Hanover Township. King is one of the premier bike pump track and trail builders in the United States and serves as the in-house trail builder for Camp Woodward in Woodward, PA. Joining him on this project are some of the most respected names in the BMX and trail-building world:

- **Will Blount from High West Dirt** – a professional track and trail builder from Texas and former sponsored rider.
- **Corey Martinez** – professional BMX rider, winner of the X-Games Real BMX 2018, and sponsored athlete.
- **Lukas Halahan and his brothers Nathan and Shane Halahan** – award-winning BMX riders from Pittsburgh, known for their incredible skills and popular videos showcasing their home track.
- **Craig Kleckner** – a local talent who brings additional expertise and energy to this amazing crew.

Together, this group built a pump track that will bring fun, fitness, and excitement to riders of all ages and skill levels.

How to Use a Pump Track

A pump track is a continuous loop of rollers (small hills) and banked turns designed for bikes, skateboards, scooters, and even skates. Instead of pedaling, riders use an up-and-down “pumping” motion with their arms and legs to maintain speed around the track. This makes it a fun and challenging workout that builds bike-handling skills, balance, and coordination.

Here are a few tips to get started:

- **Start Slow:** Beginners can roll over the bumps and gently coast through the turns. With practice, you’ll learn to “pump” and generate speed without pedaling.
- **Look Ahead:** Always keep your eyes focused a few feet in front of you to anticipate the next roller or turn.
- **Stay Balanced:** Keep your pedals level and knees slightly bent to absorb the track’s rhythm.
- **Multiple Lines:** Many pump tracks, including Hanover’s, are designed with multiple routes. This allows riders of different skill levels to enjoy the track at the same time and gives advanced riders the chance to explore more challenging lines.
- **Share the Track:** Be courteous – take turns, wait for others to clear the line before starting, and encourage fellow riders.

The Hanover Township Pump Track will be a place where kids, families, and seasoned riders alike can enjoy the outdoors, stay active, and challenge themselves. We can’t wait to see the community come together and experience this exciting new addition!

John N. Diacogiannis Retirement cont. from page 1

Area Council of Governments. His collaborative spirit has fostered stronger ties between local entities, benefiting residents across the area.

John’s contributions have not gone unrecognized. In April 2010, PSATS inducted him into the Supervisors Hall of Fame for 25 years of exemplary service. In June 2013, he received the Quentin Jackson Mutuality Award from NEIL, honoring his outstanding career support that benefited all members of the mutual nuclear captive insurance company. That same year, in October, NEIL presented him with an award for outstanding career service. In May 2025, John was presented with the St. Photios Award at the annual banquet hosted by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh, recognizing his lifetime of dedication and service to the Church and community.

As John steps into retirement, the Township reflects on his profound impact. From planning sustainable development to ensuring public safety through his Police Commission work, John has been a pillar of integrity and vision.

“John’s dedication has been instrumental in making Hanover a thriving, family-friendly community,” said a fellow Supervisor. “His expertise in finance and risk management brought a level of professionalism that elevated our decision-making.”

On behalf of the residents, staff, and Board of Supervisors, we extend our deepest gratitude to John N. Diacogiannis for his selfless service. We wish him a retirement filled with relaxation and family time.

Thank you, John – Hanover Township is better because of you! ■

Supervisors’ News & Updates



2026 Budget Priorities

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

Being capable fiscal stewards of taxpayer funds is perhaps the highest priority of the members of the Board of Supervisors. Where taxpayers empower us to spend those funds is an expression of community values.

Our community values its parks and recreational facilities. A number of recreation upgrades will be funded in 2026. Bids have been invited for the construction of a fieldhouse with permanent bathroom facilities and concession amenities. A formal request for proposal has also been issued seeking interested and qualified consultants to undertake a comprehensive review of Township parks and recreation facilities in order to prepare a long-term management plan to complete upgrades and improvements. While the Township will fund both the construction of the fieldhouse and the facilities study largely from grants previously awarded, the 2026 budget will include the necessary matching funds to complete these projects.

We have not been successful, thus far, in obtaining any grants to use towards the replacement of the Community Center roof and its HVAC system. Rather than delay this project further, replacement will proceed in 2026, but in stages. Township staff are meeting with contractors to determine the best and most logical path forward.

In terms of other infrastructure, the Board will commit funds to complete the required engineering and traffic studies to improve a number of crosswalks in the Township. While

it is not anticipated to approach the scale of the stormwater project completed along Harmor Lane, Lord Byron Drive, and Chaucer Lane, engineering plans have been completed to address stormwater issues along Gaspar Avenue. The Board hopes to obtain favorable bids to complete this work in 2026.

Our Public Works team receives high marks perennially for their maintenance of our roads, parks, and buildings. Delivering that level of service takes not only a great team, but also the right tools and equipment. We anticipate replacement of a pickup truck in 2026 with a utility truck which will allow the staff to have a truck ready with tools at all times.

Despite the campaign to increase voluntary fundraising for our Volunteer Fire and EMS department, the department has actually seen material reduction in donations in each of the last three years. That shortfall will have to be addressed from the Township budget to help our volunteers maintain the level of service we have come to expect. The Board will likely set aside some funds to potentially fund a study to develop a thoughtful, long-term plan to address an increasing shortage of volunteers, dwindling voluntary, financial support for the department, and skyrocketing equipment and vehicle costs.

The budget for 2026 will likely be in the 10.5 million dollar range. Please feel free to email any one of us with any concerns or questions regarding the budget or come to an upcoming meeting where the 2026 budget is listed for discussion. ■



Municipal Park Additions Ready for Fall

By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

If you’ve read the past few Hanoverview newsletters, you’ve seen updates on the planning and construction of the Township’s new pump track, but the time has finally come.

Earlier this month, the Township held a grand opening for the pump track, which is located at Municipal Park just between the pickleball courts and the overflow parking lot. I’ll be honest, while I enjoy occasionally riding my bike around the Township, I’ve never used a pump track. I’ll have to try ours out though because I am thrilled that our community

has another recreational option for residents of all ages. Yes, all ages. Those who are unfamiliar with pump tracks might be surprised, but I saw several of the Township’s older residents getting excited about using the pump track on social media over the summer.

And as I mentioned before in this newsletter, it all started with a letter from a young resident (who is not so young anymore), Braxton Seacor, who wrote to the Board multiple times asking for a skate park. So, if you have a great idea for the Township, let us know. Maybe yours can become a reality as well.

Municipal Park Additions cont. from page 3

Just a few hundred feet from the Pump Track, another addition to Municipal Park can be found – a paved path that completes a “loop” of the walking path that winds throughout the complex.

When I first ran for this office, residents offered numerous suggestions, and one of the few I heard repeatedly was that it would be nice to have the Municipal Park walking path turned into a loop. Meeting with Township Manager Mark Hudson last year about a few different topics, I mentioned getting this done. We talked about logistics and at the end of August 2025, our Public Works team installed and paved a short stretch in the north end of the park connecting the existing paths. This addition, one end of which starts at the top of the overflow parking lot, allows those using the path to loop back down to the center of the complex without leaving the park. Prior to the path being installed, to loop back around you would have to leave the park and use a combination of Greenfield Rd. and Clair St. to reach a returning path.

This isn't the first path work done recently by the Public Works team either. They've had their practice installing and paving a trail earlier in August at Monocacy Park. Without



them, neither of these projects would have been possible, so a huge thanks goes out to the Public Works crew.

All this work comes prior to constructing the Township's 10-year Parks and Recreation Plan, which is beginning to move forward as 2025 comes to a close. Stay tuned for more updates on the plan and an opportunity to provide your input. ■

Important Update: Trash and Recycling Collection Contract

By Mark Hudson, Township Manager

Hanover Township's current contract for trash and recycling collection with Republic Services will come to an end at the close of this year. Earlier in 2025, the Township placed trash and recycling collection services out for public bid and received proposals from several companies. After careful review, Whitetail Disposal was selected as the lowest responsible bidder, and the Board of Supervisors awarded them a new five-year contract.

We recognize that the cost of trash collection has risen sharply across the Lehigh Valley and throughout Pennsylvania. Some municipalities have seen rate increases of 80% to 100%. By carefully structuring our bid and speaking directly with multiple providers, Hanover Township was able to secure pricing that is significantly lower than expected – resulting in only about an average 20% increase for our residents.

What Will Change in 2026?

- **New Totters Provided:** Each household will receive one 95-gallon trash totter and one 95-gallon recycling totter. Beginning in 2026, all trash and recycling must be placed inside these totters for collection.
- **Manual Truck Collection Ending in 2026:** Starting in 2026, collection trucks will no longer have workers riding

on the back. Totters will be emptied mechanically into the trucks. *Please note: Any yard waste containers currently being used for trash will no longer be collected after 2025.*

- **Bulk Item Collection:** Residents must schedule bulk pickups directly through a special Hanover Township/Whitetail website. Additional fees may apply for bulk items.
- **Condominium Communities:** Whitetail will install new dumpsters in the same locations as the current ones.

Next Steps

Whitetail Disposal will begin distributing new totters in mid-December 2025. Information on services will be available via mailers and on a new website effective December 1 (see below), ensuring that residents are prepared for the start of the new contract in January 2026. The Township will provide more details, including the scheduling process for bulk pickup and reminders about the new collection procedures closer to the transition. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move into this new contract, and we are confident that these changes will provide efficient, reliable, and cost-effective service to our community. ■

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Ghosts, Goblins, and Giggles: Trick-or-Treating in Our Spooktacular Hanover Township!

By Jean Versteeg, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors



When the leaves crunch underfoot and jack-o'-lanterns flicker from porches, it can only mean one thing: Halloween is creeping up on Hanover Township! Whether you're a kid plotting your candy conquest, a parent prepping costumes and glow sticks, or a neighbor stocking up on sweets (and maybe a few tricks), this year, October 31st is our community's most delightfully eerie evening.

A Tradition Drenched in Sugar (and Maybe a Little Mystery)

Halloween may have roots in ancient Celtic festivals and medieval mummery, but today, it's all about costumes, creativity, and candy – LOTS of candy. And here in Hanover, we don't just trick-or-treat...we do it in style!

Many streets become a mini horror movie set – minus the actual danger. There is a whole family of skellys on Jacksonville Road, each wearing a different football team's jersey. Sundays in that house are probably scarier than Halloween! There is a rival monster on Autumn Ridge Road sporting a Steelers jersey. Talk about a clash of the titans! (Although none of the jerseys were actually for the Titans.) This Supervisor is excited to be able to decorate this year for the first time in many years.

Municipal Magic

We kick off the month of October with Fall Fest. Join us at Hanover Township Community Center on October 4th, from 2:00-5:00pm, for music, food, hayrides, facepainting, pumpkins, and a woodcarving demo & raffle!

Need a safe spot to trick-or-treat with the little ones? Head on over to HTCC, where Trunk-or-Treat will be held on October 11th from 10:30am–12:00pm. There will be goody bags with fun toys and puzzles along with all the trunks full of treats. This fundraiser for the HTCC preschool will also offer snacks and face painting. You can register on the Township website, www.hanovertwp-nc.org.

This year, for the Halloween purists, trick-or-treating is actually ON HALLOWEEN, October 31st! It runs from 6–8pm, giving everyone enough time to collect goodies before the witches take flight.

Friendly Reminders from the Pumpkin Patrol

We want to keep all the mini vampires and superheroes safe, so here are some handy Halloween safety tips:

- Carry flashlights or glow sticks (because vampires don't need to be invisible).
- Only visit well-lit homes and always go with a group.
- Check your candy before diving in – especially anything suspiciously broccoli-shaped.

Bonus: It's no trick! If you spot one of our dedicated Colonial Regional Police Officers driving around that night, stop and say “Happy Halloween!” They may just have a treat for you.

Too Old to Trick-or-Treat? Never! (Well... maybe)

If you're past the age of knocking on doors with a plastic pumpkin bucket, fear not – Halloween is for everyone. Decorate your yard, host a spooky movie night, or volunteer at one of the Township Halloween events. You'll get your fix of frights and fun without even touching a candy corn (unless you want to, of course).

Final Word from the Crypt

Halloween in Hanover isn't just about the candy (though let's be honest, it mostly is). It's a night when neighbors laugh, kids imagine, and the entire community comes together under the spooky glow of moonlight and porch lights.

So, dig out your costumes, prepare your best witch cackle, and remember, on Halloween, it's totally acceptable to ask strangers for candy – as long as you're wearing something ridiculous.

Happy Halloween, everyone! Stay safe, be spooky, and bring an extra bag – you will need it. ■

Trick or Treat Night

Hanover Township's Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 31, from 6–8pm. Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate!



Street Trees in the Township

Shade Tree Advisory Board

Many residents have expressed concern about the lack of street trees in some residential areas of the Township, and they ask why the Township doesn't take care of this. There actually is a planned timetable for the many different subdivisions to be inspected, and the Shade Tree Advisory Board does assist with this important work. We have been working through the many developments in a systematic way for the past two years, and this detailed work has resulted in dozens of trees being planted. So, the effort is paying off, but it is a very slow process, especially if the property owners do not plant a missing tree when they have received notices.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain and/or replace any street tree that is missing, in accordance with Township Ordinance 168. If the missing tree has not been replaced, a reminder letter is sent out, and a follow-up inspection shows that either it was or was not planted. Planting your missing street tree helps enhance the tree canopy in Hanover Township. This not only makes our Township a more desirable place to live and work, but also helps improve the air quality and gives beneficial shade on those hot summer days.

Street trees can only be removed after the homeowner applies for and receives a permit from the Zoning Officer. If you realize you have a missing or dead street tree on your property, you can apply for the appropriate permit and plant the replacement tree. You are responsible for pruning all trees that have low-hanging branches that interfere with a sidewalk or are a hazard to the street.

The members of the volunteer Shade Tree Advisory Board can assist the Zoning Officer by checking for missing or dead street trees and making a report that is then verified by the Zoning Officer. Letters are sent out to remind property owners that they do need to replace missing street trees.

Board members can also assist by checking to see if the missing trees have been planted. If you have any questions, you can contact the Zoning Officer or attend the monthly Shade Tree Advisory Board meetings, as posted on the Township website (hanovertwp-nc.org).

Please know that we are committed to maintaining the beautiful and environmentally positive benefits of having the correct number of street trees at every address in the Township. ■

Time to Rake & Relax: Place Your Leaves Curbside, and We'll Handle the Rest!

By Martin Limpar, Public Works Director

Leaf collection is set to begin on October 13. The Township will collect leaves weekly across three zones: North, Middle, and South. As the season progresses, there may be a delay in your weekly pickup, but rest assured, we will come by to collect your leaves.

Residents are asked to place their leaves curbside in windrows to make collection easier. Please also be mindful of where you park; trucks and equipment need space to operate safely. For the latest updates on the progress of each collection truck, please visit the Township website.

How to Create a Windrow

Think of a windrow as a "leaf highway" for the collection trucks. Rake your leaves into a long, narrow row along the curb, making sure to keep them away from parked cars, mailboxes, and storm drains. Remove sticks, rocks, and other debris so the trucks can pick up your leaves quickly and safely. ■



Fall Fire Safety: Staying Safe as the Seasons Change

By Scott VanWhy, Fire Chief

As the crisp air settles in and the leaves begin to turn, it's time to cozy up with blankets, warm drinks, and...fire safety reminders! Autumn is a beautiful season, but it also brings increased fire risks. From heating equipment to holiday cooking, here's what you need to know to protect your family and home this fall.

Top Fall Fire Risks

1. Home Heating Hazards

As temperatures drop, heaters come back into use.

- ▶ Keep anything that can burn (furniture, curtains, blankets) at least three feet away from space heaters.
- ▶ Have your furnace inspected by a professional each year.
- ▶ Never use an oven to heat your home.

2. Fireplace & Wood Stove Safety

Before lighting the first fire:

- ▶ Get your chimney cleaned and inspected.
- ▶ Use a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying.
- ▶ Never leave a fire unattended.

3. Candles & Decorations

Candles add warmth but can also ignite fires.

- ▶ Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything flammable.
- ▶ Use flameless candles when possible.
- ▶ Never leave a candle burning in an empty room.

4. Fall Yard Cleanup

Dry leaves and branches can be fire hazards.

- ▶ Rake and remove leaves from around your home and gutters.
- ▶ Store firewood at least 30 feet away from your house.
- ▶ Never burn leaves

Cooking Safety for the Season

With holidays and fall feasts approaching, kitchen safety is critical.

- ▶ Stay in the kitchen while cooking, especially when using the stovetop.
- ▶ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the cooking area.
- ▶ If a grease fire starts, never use water. Cover the pan with a lid and turn off the heat.

Is Your Home Fire-Ready?

✓ Check your smoke alarms.

- ▶ Test alarms monthly.
- ▶ Replace batteries if needed.
- ▶ Replace alarms every 10 years.



✓ Plan and practice an escape route.

- ▶ Every family member should know two ways out of each room.
- ▶ Designate a safe meeting place outside.
- ▶ Practice your escape plan twice a year – fall is a great time to do it!

Let's keep this fall safe, cozy, and fire-free.

For more tips or to request a home safety check, contact your local fire department or visit NFPA.org. Stay warm and stay safe!

From the Zoning Office: Keeping Our Sidewalks Safe This Winter

By Tracy Luisser, BCO & Zoning Officer

As winter weather approaches, Hanover Township would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Safe sidewalks ensure that children walking to school or bus stops, neighbors out for a walk, and even first responders can move through our community without risk.

Township regulations require that a path be cleared within 36 hours after the end of any snowfall or ice event. Within 48 hours, the full width and length of the sidewalk must be completely cleared. Snow may not be placed in the street, and if you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, please take a few extra minutes to clear around it so it is easily accessible in case of emergency. (§154-14)

Please remember that sidewalks located behind your home, even if separated by trees or landscaping, are still your responsibility to maintain. A clear sidewalk not only keeps you in compliance with Township rules but also helps keep your neighbors safe.

If you are unsure whether a sidewalk near your property is your responsibility, the Hanover Township Zoning Office is happy to answer your questions. Working together, we can all help make Hanover Township safe and welcoming through the winter season.



Hanover Township Community Center



Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

Fall Fun Ahead *in Hanover Township!*

After a rainy June, Hanover Township pool-goers enjoyed a mid-summer stretch of warm temperatures and sunshine. Between three Dip-and-Dances™ and a well-attended National Night Out, it's safe to say our residents had their fair share of fun this summer.

Additionally, an average of 45 children attended our Kids Summer Camp each of the eight weeks from June-August. Aside from participating in the dozens of activities, the children enjoyed vast pool time with open swim and our new offering of swim lessons, which was included in the weekly rate.

I'm happy to report the Hanover Stingrays swim team completed an unbeaten season in Suburban Swim League action. Congratulations to all participants and coaches. Now we look ahead to some fall fun.

Sessions for martial arts and toddler time are up and running at the Hanover Township Community Center. Registration is also open for our junior tennis clinics. Fitness programming continued its steady climb throughout the summer and we expect that trend to continue into the fall and beyond. HTCC still offers open gym volleyball on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and we've added another open pickleball session on Sunday mornings.

When this newsletter arrives on your doorstep, we will have already completed the grand opening of the highly anticipated pump track, along with our always-popular special event, Fall Fest. Our Facebook page indicates the pump track will be an attraction for people of all ages. We are excited to get the track up and going – I may even dust off the BMX bike from my youth. Whether you're biking, boarding, skating, or scootering, we stress the importance of riding safely on the track with a helmet, padding, etc. ■



HTCC Fall Programming

RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Junior 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

CARD GAMES (all games begin at 1pm)

- Monday: Bridge • Tuesday: Pinochle
- Wednesday: Mahjongg • Friday: Hand and Foot

SPECIAL EVENTS DATES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| October 4, 2-5pm | FALL FEST (Municipal Complex) |
| November 15, 9am | TURKEY BOWL (Football game at Municipal Park) |
| December 6, 6-8pm | TREE LIGHTING (Municipal Complex) |
| December 7, 9-11am | BREAKFAST WITH SANTA (HTCC) |



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

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.

Hanover Township Community Center

Exclusive: HTCC to Host Q&A with NBA Hall of Fame Writer

By Dante Terenzio

To say there is an abundance of successful professionals here in Hanover Township would be an understatement. Over the past couple years, I've met hundreds of residents and heard countless intriguing stories. With my background in print media, I was naturally drawn to the illustrious career of legendary sports writer and Hanover Township resident Jack McCallum.

Starting his career with stops at the *Bethlehem Globe-Times*, *The Morning Call*, along with newspapers in Baltimore and Philadelphia, McCallum found his home in 1981: *Sports Illustrated*.

McCallum covered a wide variety of sports but became best known for his coverage of the NBA. In 2005, he was named to the writers wing of the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. In 2019, he was elected to the Basketball Writers of America Hall of Fame. He is also the author of 13 books, including *Dream Team*, which spent six weeks on *The New York Times* best seller list. In fact, McCallum was instrumental in creating the term "Dream Team" for the 1992 American men's Olympic basketball team. That particular team produced some of the best players (Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson) to ever play the game. To this day, McCallum still keeps in touch with some of the players from the "golden era" of basketball.

McCallum's magnificent career did not go without some trying times. He fought through prostate cancer, which resulted in another novel *The Prostate Monologues: What Every Man Can Learn from My Humbling, Confusing, and Sometimes Comical Battle with Prostate Cancer*.

When I approached McCallum to conduct a Q&A for Township residents, I was unsure if he'd go for it. He leads a busy life, which includes traveling, book tours, and spending time with his wife, two sons, and five grandchildren.

What I quickly found out was McCallum takes a great deal of pride in the community, one he happily makes time for. He quickly accepted my invite. Mark it on the calendar: October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hanover Township Community Center Meeting Room.

"My wife (Donna) and I moved to Hanover Township in 1984 and have been in the same house since," McCallum said. "Our two sons went to Asa Packer, Nitschmann, and Liberty. My wife taught in the Bethlehem Area School District, so it



(clockwise) Hanover Township resident Jack McCallum with former Syracuse men's basketball coach Jim Boeheim during McCallum's induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. Jack McCallum poses with NBA hall-of-famer Steve Nash. Jack McCallum, center, playing golf with writer James Patterson and former President Bill Clinton.

was convenient for her. Even though my job was New York-based, I mostly traveled for work and used A-B-E Airport all the time."

Nowadays, you might catch McCallum smashing over-heads – with a heavy eastern grip – in pickleball inside the HTCC gymnasium.

"I tore my Achilles playing basketball in the (Community Center) gym many years ago and have enjoyed picking up a new set of friends while getting pummeled in pickleball. We love it here." he said. ■

Mark Your Calendar: Q & A with Jack McCallum, October 30 at 6:30pm, HTCC Meeting Room

Hanover Township Community Center



Lisa Outcalt
HTCC Preschool
Director

HTCC Preschool Update

We hope you all had a relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year. We are looking forward to see what our new academic year holds.

In June, we waved goodbye to our pre-k friends who are now mostly starting kindergarten at our neighboring schools Asa Packer and Hanover Elementary. We wish them well, and know they are well prepared for the years to come. We look forward to seeing them visit the community center or out and about.

Looking to the next few months, we are looking forward to our third annual Trunk or Treat event, studying the season changes, and investigating what happens in Fall and Winter outside, learning about hibernation, the life cycle of a tree, and learning about snow and ice.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our preschool program, we are happy to serve the community and provide a safe, fun and exciting environment for our Township children.

For questions, please reach out to Preschool Director, Lisa Outcalt via email at:

PreschoolDirector@hanovertpw-cc.org ■



"HTCC Preschool Trunk or Treat is always a fun experience for our preschoolers and children within the community, and it is a perfect opportunity for children to experience trick or treating in a fun and safe environment. We'll see you there!"

— Lisa Outcalt, Preschool Director



Trunk or Treat at HTCC

Head to HTCC on October 11, from 10:30am to Noon for a safe spot to trick or treat with the little ones.



Thank You to HTCC's Special-Event Sponsors!



School News & Updates

Asa Packer Elementary School

Summer break was filled with lots of fun all over the United States and abroad by our Asa Students. They traveled far and near, taking along a little piece of Asa with them, ACE, our beloved mascot. ACE traveled by car, train, and plane to visit lots of wonderful places with the students. The students took photos with ACE, which are now on display for the whole school to view. Four Asa Packer students' hard work, determination, and cohesive teamwork helped guide their team from Lehigh Little League to win the 2025 U.S. East Region Little League Championship.



Way to go, boys! Your Asa family is super proud of all your success. BASD's summer childcare programs saw many Asa students having fun in the sun with fellow BASD elementary school kids. Summer also brought the newest Pumas to Asa for a sneak peek at the school on August 21st. The new Kindergarteners met their teachers and classmates. After classroom introductions and seeing where they would sit on the first day, the kids enjoyed popsicles and played on the playground with all their new friends.

Our Puma Pride started school on August 25th and were greeted with a welcome back sign. Generous donations from our families and the community helped the PTA provide special events and treats for the students and staff. Open House for our 1st-5th graders was held on August 28th. Parents and students met with teachers and specialists to talk about all the exciting things they will learn this year. PTA Board members, Cub Scouts Pack 368 members, and BASD Proud Parents were also on hand to answer questions about their organizations and offered sign-ups as well.

On September 29th, Asa students brought in their

favorite stuffed animals for a Stuffed Sleepover hosted by the PTA. This was the PTA's first fundraiser to help raise money for assemblies, field trips, classroom supplies, and family fun nights. \$5 per stuffie allowed the beloved animals to roam the school for the night. Stuffies had fun and caused a little trouble prancing around the school, getting a glimpse of what their friends do when they are not at home playing with them. The stuffies took pictures all night and posted them on social media to show their friends all the fun they were having throughout the night.

VIP and Grandpa's Day will take place this year on October 6th and 8th. Students may invite some of their favorite people to the school to get a glimpse of their learning and fun in the classroom. The fall Scholastic Book Fair also takes place this week, which is usually lucky for the kids. What VIP or Grandpa doesn't like to spoil their students with books to aid in their growth and learning in reading!

Walk-a-Thon, Asa Packer's biggest fundraiser of the year, will take place on October 13th. Students strive to make the most money per class to win a special treat for their class. The more money each student raises, the more chances they have to try and win prizes and gift cards, which were donated by Asa families and local businesses. During the walk, the kids earn bracelets for each lap they complete and also engage in other physical activities that are coordinated by our P.E. teacher. Students look forward to this amazing event each year!

The Halloween Parade this year will fall on October 31st for the first time in years. The kids always love to show off their costumes while walking around the school and the adjacent neighborhood. The Harvest Parties will follow the parade, which room parents and party helpers run. Each classroom gets to eat yummy snacks, create fall-themed crafts, and play lots of fun games with their classmates while trying to win fun prizes.

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Asa Packer School cont. from page 11

Asa Packer is getting back into the swing of things and is super excited about the 2025–2026 school year. The PTA, staff, and students have lots of exciting things planned for the coming months. Stay tuned to hear everything about the fun in the next newsletter. Until then, have a fabulous and safe Fall!

Hanover Elementary School

A HUGE Welcome Back to our High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks! 2025-2026 School Year....Here We Come! Our incoming kindergarten students were given a wonderful welcome in August at our annual “Little Hawks Night.” Students were able to tour the school, greet friends, and meet their teachers! This event was then followed by Hanover’s Back-To-School Ice Cream Social, provided by our AWESOME PTA! Students were treated to ice cream and Italian ice, made crafts, met their teachers, and mingled with friends, old and new! Our Hanover Hawks Mascot... THUNDER...even made an appearance! A fun time was had by all! This was just what we needed to get back into the swing of things! The first day of school was filled with excitement and energy! Students were welcomed back to school by a fabulous “Welcome Back Hawks” yard sign! Hanover celebrated the opening of school with our annual Open House Night in early September. Parents were able to meet their child’s teacher during a fun night of information and camaraderie! In addition, students had their 2025 Fall Pictures taken by Christmas City Studios. Everyone looked their finest!

In late September, Hanover will celebrate National Peace Day with our annual Hanover Peace Day Celebration! Students will paint “peace rocks” and add them to our Hanover Peace Garden. This is a day where students can think about what “peace” means to them, and how we can all contribute to a peaceful existence. Next...we prepare for the Hanover Hawk Walk, whereby students and families walk, jog, or run in order to raise money for our fantastic school!

October brings many fun and educational activities to our school as well! Students in Fourth Grade participate in a *Tales of the Towpath* Field Trip, whereby students learn about the area canal system...and even get to ride on a canal boat! Kindergarten classes will be visited by author Katie Rymon, who co-authored the children’s book *Tug’s Trick or Treat*. Students will not only get to meet the author...but they will each receive a complimentary copy of her book! There are great things happening in our school! October also brings American Education Week, where we welcome parents into the classrooms, Hanover’s Awesome Scholastic Book Fair, where students can purchase excellent books to enhance their learning, and Great Persons’ Day,

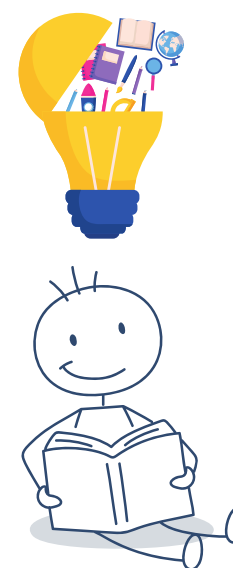


where loved ones visit our classrooms for some fun-filled, educational activities! Get ready to wear orange on National Unity Day! Hanover students learn about anti-bullying and kindness through various classroom activities. Lastly, October brings us Harvest Day, whereby students participate in MANY fun activities, including holiday craft-making, photo booth snapshots, pumpkin decorating, relay races, and the annual Hanover hayride! Harvest Day is followed by a Halloween Parade through our Hanover neighborhood, and fun-filled Harvest Day Parties!

Don’t forget to stop by Hanover School on Election Day... November 4th! Our fantastic PTA hosts an Election Day Bake Sale which is OUT OF THIS WORLD! You will not want to miss the wide assortment of baked goods, cakes, cookies, snacks, and lunch items. Be sure to stop by and support our school! Mark your calendars! November also brings one of our most cherished school events...Hanover’s Veterans Day Celebration...and do we celebrate our Veterans! We are so very proud and honored to host our local Veterans each year. Veterans are celebrated with special presentations by the Hanover students and staff, and are even treated to the iconic sounds of the Liberty High School Pipes & Drums and Brass Ensemble! Hanover celebrations are classic!

December brings the festivities for the holiday season! When Hanover PTA sets up their Santa Secret Shop...you know the holiday season has begun! Students shop for their loved ones during this event...and boy...Santa’s Elves do not disappoint! We round out the end of 2025 with our Hanover Holiday Vocal Music Concert & Instrumental Music Concert, our Holiday Spirit Week (lots of festive Spirit Days and celebrations!), our annual Holiday Sing-Along, and our Winter Wonderland Parties! Hanover is a magical place during the holiday season! We look forward to all of these wonderful events!

We would again like to give a shout-out to our interim principal, Mr. Fontanez, for all of his hard work, dedication, and positive attitude! In addition, our school PTA deserves a HUGE thank you for all they do for our students, teachers, and staff! Lastly, our Hanover teachers and staff make our school the best that it can be! Thank you for all that you do for our students! Hanover...YOU ROCK! ■

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Reading is better together—so why not join one of our many book clubs? We have something for everyone: a fiction book club, a professional and personal growth book club, and even a delicious cookbook club. Beyond books, you can also connect through our film club and fiber arts group for knitters. Some groups meet virtually, while others gather in person at our library locations. Visit bapl.org for the full calendar of events or follow the links below to get involved.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors –
How You Can Make a Difference in Our Township
By John N. Diacogiannis, Board of Supervisors, Colonial Regional Police Commission

This may be my final Hanoverview article after more than 46 years of service to our Township. At the end of this year, I will complete my term of office on the Board of Supervisors. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve Hanover Township – our residents, businesses, and guests.

When I first began serving, Hanover looked and felt very different than it does today. Over the decades, I have been blessed to work alongside many dedicated people who shared a simple goal: To make our Township a place where families want to live, where businesses can thrive, and where neighbors know they can count on each other.

Together, we’ve seen tremendous growth and change. We’ve built a well-respected administrative and public works organization, expanded recreation programs that enrich the lives of young and old alike, and formed a regional police department that has become a model for cooperation. Through it all, we’ve supported a volunteer fire department that continues to serve with courage and heart.

Looking back, I am proud of these accomplishments. But looking ahead, I know one thing has not changed – the need for residents to step forward and take part in the life of our township. Hanover will continue to be strong only if people are willing to serve, whether on boards and committees, in elected office, or as part of the volunteer fire company.

What Makes Hanover Feel Like Home?

Ask yourself: What makes Hanover special? For many of us, it’s not just the roads we travel or the parks where our children play. It’s the people. It’s the way neighbors check in on each other during a storm, or the way families turn out for a summer concert in the park, or how volunteers give up a weekend afternoon to help at a community event.

That spirit of “neighbors helping neighbors” has always been at the heart of Hanover Township. It’s what makes our community feel like home. And it’s something each of us has the power to strengthen.

Serving in Local Government

Every decision that shapes Hanover – how our parks are maintained, how our roads are repaired, which programs we offer for families and seniors – is made by people who live right here. Township boards and committees are filled with your neighbors, coworkers, and friends who care deeply about making our community better.

The truth is you don’t need to be an expert in government to serve. What matters most is having fresh ideas, being will-

ing to listen, and caring about our future. Maybe you’ve noticed a way we could improve services. Maybe you have a background that could help us use resources wisely. Or maybe you simply want to lend your time and energy to something meaningful.

Serving in local government is about more than policies and budgets. It’s about teamwork. It’s about ensuring that the voices of everyday residents are heard when decisions are made. And yes – it’s about rolling up your sleeves and giving back to the place we all call home.

Volunteering with the Fire Company

Another vital way to serve is through the volunteer fire company. These men and women are ordinary people who do something extraordinary: they are the ones who show up when emergencies strike.

Think about it – when there’s an accident on the road, when a storm knocks out power, or when someone’s home is in danger, it’s our volunteers who answer the call. They don’t do it for pay or recognition. They do it because they care about this community and the people in it.

But here’s something many people don’t realize – you don’t have to be a firefighter to make a difference. The fire company also needs volunteers for support roles: administrative help, fundraising, community outreach, and more. Training is provided, and no one is ever left to do the work alone.

Once you join, you’ll quickly discover what so many others already know: the fire company is a family. The sense of teamwork, camaraderie, and pride that comes with serving is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have.

Why Your Involvement Matters

When more residents step forward, our Township grows stronger. New voices bring new ideas. New volunteers bring new energy. And every person who gets involved makes our community safer, more welcoming, and more connected.

This spirit of service has guided Hanover through times of challenge and times of growth. It is what has made our community not only successful, but truly special. And it is what will keep Hanover strong for generations to come.

The truth is you don’t need to be an expert in government to serve. What matters most is having fresh ideas, being willing to listen, and caring about our future.

So if you’ve ever wondered how you could make a difference, here is your opportunity. Step up. Raise your hand. Whether it’s serving on a board or commission, running for the Board of Supervisors, or volunteering with the fire company, Hanover Township needs you. When openings occur (besides on the Board of Supervisors), these positions are filled by appointment from the Board of Supervisors. If you’re interested in future openings, the best way to let the Board know is by filling out the “Talent Bank Form” on the

Township website (hanovertwp-nc.org). For more information on the Volunteer Fire Company, visit their website at htvfc.org. Getting involved not only strengthens the community – it also enriches your own life. You’ll meet new people, make new friends, and gain the satisfaction of knowing you’ve left a positive mark on the place you call home.

Who knows? You may discover that giving your time is one of the most meaningful and rewarding things you’ll ever do. ■

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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EMS CORNER
By Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS CALL STATISTICS

Medical Emergencies	1,734
Motor Vehicle Accidents	101
Fire Support	53

Total calls through July.....1,888



Children and Excessive Screen Time

Studies show excessive screen time for children is associated with negative behaviors like irritability, aggression, anxiety, depression, and difficulty with social skills. Children need to learn how to use their imaginations, play outside, and interact with other children to help build

their social skills. Do you remember what you did as a child before there were mobile phones, tablets, and gaming?

Wellness Benefits of Cutting Down on Screen Time:

Improve your physical health by preventing obesity and conditions related to excess weight. How many times do you find yourself or your child mindlessly snacking while having screen time?

- ▶ Reducing screen time frees up time to have fun playing and exploring.
- ▶ Make social connections.
- ▶ Decreasing screen time can improve your child’s focus on the world around them.
- ▶ Violence in media may cause children to feel anxious and depressed, as well as think that violence is the answer to problems.

Consider These Ways to Get Connected:

- ▶ Families who eat meals together tend to be healthier. Turning off electronics during meals or family time eliminates distractions.
- ▶ Use time previously spent on devices to find out how everyone in the family’s day was, play games, go for a walk, and look at nature. Enjoy every second because once it is gone, you will never get that time back.

While technology is a great resource, it can also hinder your wellness and make you disconnected from those around you. Taking a break from devices frees up more time to be active and enjoy time with loved ones. Why not give it a try? ■



FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Number of Active Calls to Date
for 2025.....705

THANK YOU!

Wegmans always comes through for the Fire Company. They gave a gracious donation of sandwich trays for our firefighters who were training for an advanced rapid intervention class.

- Shout out to **Sterling Heights** for providing lunch and dinner for our crews to celebrate EMS week. The meals were delicious!!
- Thank you once again, **Traditions of Hanover**, for the First Responder Appreciation breakfast you had for us. It is always nice to be recognized for all that we do!



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa will make his annual trip through the Township on **Saturday, December 13th**, beginning at 9am. Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Remember, we need your help so we can help you. ■



FUND DRIVE

Our annual Fund Drive is still open. You can find the donation form on page 19 of the newsletter. Please send in your donations. Your gracious donations 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.



State Senator Nick Miller
(14th Senatorial District)

Since my last update, I shared about my new role in leadership as Chair of the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Policy Committee. Since taking on this position, I have conducted nine policy hearings covering a variety of topics, including energy affordability challenges, recruitment of emergency services and first responders, worker protections, and more. As Chair, I host these important hearings to engage with stakeholders and experts on these issues and discuss how we can bring their insights to Harrisburg.

In May, together with Representative Steve Samuelson, my office secured \$92,581 for new radios for the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. This investment will ensure our emergency personnel are equipped to act swiftly and effectively to save lives, and it's important that we continue to support them.

This summer, I introduced two legislative bills addressing pressing needs in our community. Senate Bill 980, co-sponsored by State Senator Gene Yaw (R-23), aims to ban fire-fighting foam containing harmful PFAS starting in 2026.

This legislation protects the health of our frontline heroes and prevents environmental contamination.

I introduced Senate Bill 983 with State Senator Rosemary Brown (R-40) to create a rooftop solar program for industrial warehouses in Pennsylvania. This legislation aims to reduce consumer costs by efficiently integrating electricity into the grid, enhancing the energy system's resilience, while conserving green space.

My office is organizing several upcoming events. On October 31, 2025, I will co-host a free Disability Resource Fair with State Representative Jeanne McNeill at Suburban North YMCA in Catasauqua, PA, from 9am to 12 Noon. The event will feature a variety of vendors and organizations that provide information on programs and services tailored for individuals with mental and physical disabilities.

Stay connected to these events and other upcoming events on our website at pasenatormiller.com/events.

I am proud to continue representing you in Harrisburg and encourage you to keep up with my updates, legislative news, community recaps, and more through my e-newsletters. Sign up directly on my website at PASenatorMiller.com. ■

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New Handheld Device Ban While Driving

By Rep. Joe Emrick (137th District)

A new Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving is now in effect. Paul Miller's Law, which started being enforced on June 5, limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. For the first 12 months, the penalty is a written warning. Effective in June 2026, the penalty is a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Bluetooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.

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My Office Has Assisted 1,000 Individuals with Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications

By Rep. Steve Samuelson (135th Legislative District)

I am proud of my legislation, signed into law by Governor Shapiro two years ago, which expanded eligibility for the Property Tax/ Rent Rebate program to 175,000 additional people across Pennsylvania. And I am super proud of my extraordinary staff who have completed 1,000 Rebate applications so far this year! All year long, my office helps individuals apply for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate – at my office in Bethlehem, at my Hanover Township office hours, and at other outreach locations throughout our community.

The net income limit for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate this year is \$46,520 for homeowners and renters. I say “net income” because you need only count half of your Social Security income along with 100 percent of your other income when calculating eligibility for a rebate. The law which expanded eligibility also included a Cost-of-Living Adjustment, so that recipients will not lose out on a tax or rent rebate in future years when they receive increases in their Social Security. The program is open to people over the age of 65, widows and widowers over the age of 50 and people with disabilities (SSD and SSI recipients) over the age of 18. The deadline to apply for a 2024 rebate is December 31, 2025. Call my office at 610-867-3890 for more information.

Secretary of Agriculture Visits Hanover

This summer it was an honor to welcome Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, to Hanover Township to tour Monocacy Farm Project on Bridle Path Road. The farm is a wonderful example of using energy-efficient and sustainable practices in each aspect of its operations. In the Legislature, I am supporting increases to the budgets for the State Food Purchase Program and the Pennsylvania Agriculture Surplus System by \$4 million each as Pennsylvania works to offset federal cuts to the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program.

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 Thursday dates at the community center are: October 16, November 20, December 18, and January 15. ■

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3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Third Thursday of every month, 8:30-10:30 am.



To the Residents of Northampton County

– Lamont G. McClure, County Executive

When I first took office eight years ago, I knew that the challenges ahead would require tough decisions, steady leadership, and a commitment to the values we share as a community. Looking back now, I am proud of how far

Northampton County has come and of the work we have done together to make this a stronger, healthier, and more resilient place to call home.

One of the greatest tests of my time in office came during the COVID-19 pandemic. Overnight, the way we lived, worked, and cared for one another changed. My focus was on keeping our residents safe while ensuring that County government continued to provide the services people depend on. Together with our public health partners, we worked to deliver vaccines, protect vulnerable residents, and keep essential operations running. It was not easy, but Northampton County came through that storm stronger and more united.

Even in those uncertain years, we held true to a simple promise: to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. I am proud that we were able to cut taxes without cutting back on the programs and services that families rely on every day.

Another cornerstone of my administration has been preserving the land and heritage that make Northampton County unique while carefully balancing the pressures of eco-

nomie development. To date, we have protected more than 20,000 acres of farmland, ensuring that as our economy grows, future generations will still see rolling fields and working farms alongside thriving communities. This effort has been about more than acres and easements; it has been about protecting our identity and way of life while guiding responsible growth.

But leadership also means confronting new and urgent threats. The fentanyl crisis has touched every corner of our community, and in response, we launched the “Fake is Real” campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of counterfeit drugs. This initiative has already saved lives and will continue to be a critical tool in our fight against addiction.

Finally, one of the accomplishments I am most proud of is keeping Gracedale Nursing Home county-owned and operated. There were many who said it could not be done, but I believed and still believe that Gracedale belongs to the people of Northampton County. Keeping it public means keeping it a place of dignity and compassion for our seniors and their families.

These past eight years have been defined by challenges, but also by remarkable progress. Together, we have proven that Northampton County can protect its people, preserve its land, and plan responsibly for the future. Serving as your County Executive has been the privilege of my life, and I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me. ■



Winterizing Your Home: Why Fall Is the Perfect Time to Prepare

By Alicia S. Aziz

As the crisp air of fall settles in and the days get shorter, it's the perfect time to start preparing your home for winter. Here's a guide to winterizing your home, from weatherproofing to keeping unwanted critters out. Taking proactive steps now can save you money, prevent damage, and keep your home cozy all season long.

1. Inspect and Seal Your Home ► Check doors, windows, and smaller openings around pipes, vents, and electrical outlets for drafts. Seal gaps with weatherstripping or caulk.

2. Protect Your Plumbing ► Drain outdoor hoses and turn off exterior faucets. Consider insulating pipes in unheated areas, like basements or attics. Simple foam pipe sleeves can make a big difference in preventing bursts.

3. Check Your Heating System ► Have your furnace or heating system serviced. Replace filters, clean vents, and ensure everything is running efficiently. A well-maintained system keeps your home warm and also reduces energy costs.

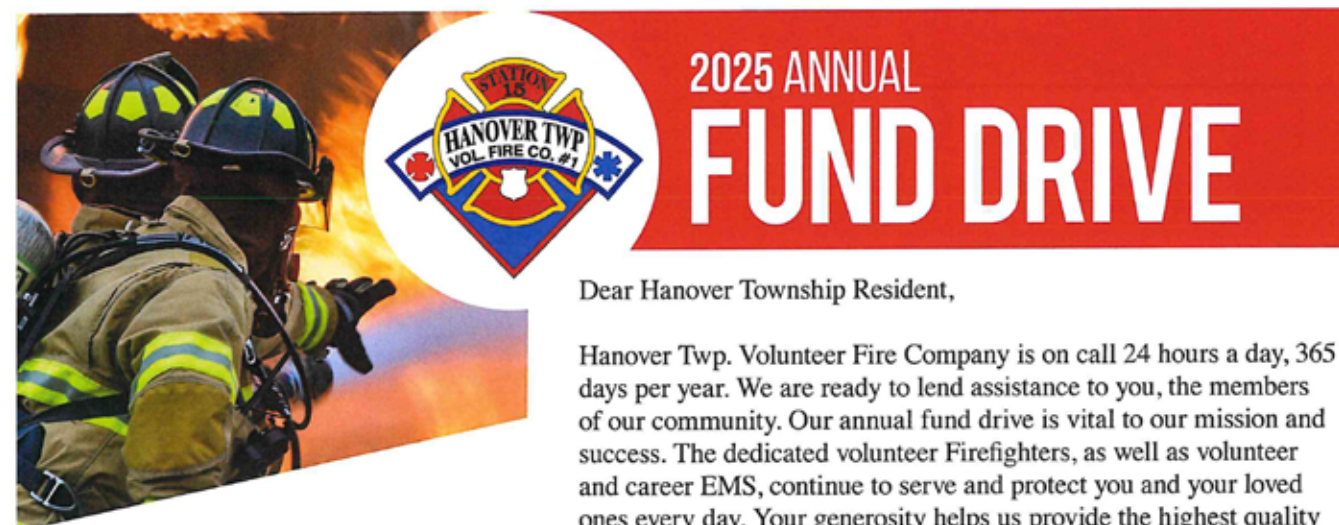
4. Clean Gutters and Roofs ► Clogged gutters can lead to ice dams and water damage. Check your roof for missing or damaged shingles.

5. Weatherproof Outdoor Areas ► Seal cracks in your driveway, patio, or walkways to prevent ice formation. Trim tree branches that could fall due to snow or ice. Cover outdoor furniture and store garden tools to protect them.

6. Prevent Pests ► Mice, rats, and other critters look for warm places to hide. Close gaps around doors and windows, store firewood away from your home, and keep your basement and attic tidy.

7. Stock Up on Winter Essentials ► Keep essentials like flashlights, batteries, blankets, and non-perishable foods on hand. Check that your snow removal equipment is working.

Final Thought: By taking the time now to weatherproof, maintain, and protect your home, you can enjoy a cozy, stress-free winter. ■



Dear Hanover Township Resident,

Hanover Twp. Volunteer Fire Company is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. We are ready to lend assistance to you, the members of our community. Our annual fund drive is vital to our mission and success. The dedicated volunteer Firefighters, as well as volunteer and career EMS, continue to serve and protect you and your loved ones every day. Your generosity helps us provide the highest quality Fire and EMS service to our community. **Your financial support allows us to be where you need us when you need us most.**

We thank you for your continued support, and pledge our continued dedication to providing the best firefighting and emergency medical services possible for you, your family, and our community.

Sincerely,

Kathy I. Peters
First Vice President

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DECEMBER 13TH 2025

2024 Emergency Response Calls:

- **3,300+** EMS ambulance calls
- **1,000+** Fire calls

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