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Supervisors' News & Updates



The Board Set to Face Difficult Budgetary Challenges in 2026

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

Some pretty momentous changes happened at the close of 2025. The longest serving member of the Board of Supervisors, John Diacogiannis, concluded his final term. The era of an actual garbage man hand tossing the contents of our bins into a rear loader gave way to the forward march of automation, much in the same way as phone booths, cameras, or the need to keep a road map in the glove box have disappeared from everyday life. As an aside, does anyone actually keep gloves in the glove box? And, the Board voted, for the first time in some 15 budget cycles, to raise taxes. The Board authorized a .25 mill increase in the fire tax. A millage or "mill" rate is the rate used to calculate local property taxes, representing the amount of tax owed per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. In terms of each residential property, using an assessed value of \$80,000.00, this will be about an approximately \$20.00 increase in your annual tax bill. Those tax bills average about \$332.00 per residence. The sum raised will be deposited into the Fire Fund which is dedicated to meeting the vehicle and equipment needs of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department.

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Meet Hanover Township's Newest Supervisor: Joseph Pepitone

Hello Citizens of Hanover Township! My name is Joseph Pepitone; I am your freshman supervisor who has been sworn in this past month. As a little back story for myself, I have been a resident of Hanover Township my entire life. I went to local schools Asa Packer Elementary, Nitschmann Middle School, and Liberty High School (Go Hurricanes!). After high school, I went to New York to study at SUNY Maritime College and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering.

For work, I am an industrial engineer at a private firm in Allentown. My main focus is in heavy industrial, working on local facilities such as the Keystone Cement Plant in Bath or the Befesa Zinc Facility up in Palmerton. My company has even worked on projects this very Board has voted on, such as the Stuffed Puffs Marshmallow Facility. With these combined experiences, I hope to provide institutional knowledge and personal experience to the Board to lend a unique perspective, allowing us to make well informed decisions on future issues.

As a newly seated Supervisor, I would like to advocate for what I refer to as 3rd spaces; a third place, people can enjoy that isn't home or work/school. I would like to maintain our parks and provide a place for families to safely and affordably spend time outside and allow people to socialize naturally. Secondly, I would like to ensure that any development that comes to our Township is worthwhile, responsible, and minimally disruptive to the quality of life of our residents.

I hope to admirably serve the Board and adequately represent the desires of the citizens. ■



To Aid Communication - Follow Township Facebook Page, Sign Up for Emails

By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

Since I first assumed office in 2024, the Township has taken steps to improve communication and transparency.

First, the Township added a calendar of meetings and events to the old website. Then in 2025, a new website, which includes a built-in, updated version of that original calendar, launched. Additionally, the new website features a news section that helps keep residents informed of the latest happenings.

The Township staff now posts the Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda and supporting documents on that new website earlier than the legal requirement. Instead of being posted the day before meetings, as was previously done, the agenda and supporting documents are available on the Township website the Friday afternoon before Tuesday meetings. This move allows residents more time to review important information regarding the upcoming meeting and make plans to attend if there is something they would like to be present for or address.

If you're on Facebook and not yet following the Township's page, Hanover Township, Northampton County, we strongly encourage you to do so. Likewise, if you're not currently receiving Township emails or our Constant Contact e-news blast, please sign up by visiting hanovertwp-nc.org, scrolling to the bottom of the page, and clicking "Sign up for alerts and E-News (Constant Contact)" under "Stay Connected."

While these changes have made communication better, there's always room for improvement and the Township intends to do just that when it comes to major changes and updates in the future. But there are a few things you as a resident can do to help the process.

It's important to note that while the Township Facebook page is a good way to stay connected to your local government and obtain information, for any more pressing issues or general questions, please contact the Township directly by calling 610-866-1140 or emailing hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org. Feel free to leave comments or feedback on the Township's Face-



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book page but know that it is not actively monitored and it could be a few days until a staff member sees your comment. And a friendly reminder that as far as emergencies go, including the smell of gas, or anything that might need immediate attention from emergency services, call 911 right away.

The Hanover Township PA Residents Forum Facebook page has become a popular place for some residents to discuss local matters, and it can be a great way to stay in touch with your neighbors. But Township officials do not monitor that site and it is not affiliated with the Township. Any issues, such as a missed trash pickup or questions about leaf collection, won't get to Township officials if it's posted on that forum. To ensure you receive an answer, and one with accurate information, please direct issues, complaints or questions that would be best addressed by the Township to the Township's email address or phone number listed above. Again, Facebook comments on the official Township Facebook page are welcomed but will not be seen as quickly as an email or phone call.

Help the Township help you as we look to continue improving communications in 2026. ■

HTMGT



Scholarships Available!

The Hanover Township Memorial Golf Tournament (HTMGT) was founded in 2005 with the mission of supporting post-secondary education costs for students who have lost a parent and are residents of Hanover Township. Scholarships for the Fall 2026 semester are now available!

Visit htmgt.org for details on the application process. Applications are due by May 31, 2026. For questions, please contact htmgt05@gmail.com.





America at 250: The Lehigh Valley Celebrates a Shared History

By Jean Versteeg, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors



Happy New Year to all as we welcome 2026. This year the United States will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This Semiquincentennial milestone offers communities across the nation an opportunity to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and look ahead to the future. In the Lehigh Valley this anniversary holds deep local significance.

Pennsylvania stood at the heart of the nation’s founding, and the Lehigh Valley played a meaningful role in shaping America’s early story. Easton hosted multiple early treaties and gatherings during the Revolutionary era. Bethlehem’s Moravian community embodied ideals of cooperation, education, and craftsmanship that influenced early American society. Allentown served as a strategic and cultural center, later becoming a symbol of American industry and innovation. Together, these cities reflect the diverse experiences that helped build the nation.

Local Semiquincentennial Celebrations

Many of our communities are planning a range of events designed to honor history while engaging today’s community. While many plans are still in the works, anticipated local activities include historical, cultural, and family events.

Both Lehigh and Northampton Counties are planning

regional events and celebrations, along with organizations like ArtsQuest, the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, and the Great Allentown Fair.

Here in Hanover Township, celebrations will take place on September 26, featuring music, food, and other family friendly activities. Keep an eye on the Township website and Facebook page for more information as details are released.

Each area’s programming is designed to honor its own identity while contributing to a shared regional celebration of America at 250.

Looking Ahead Together

The Semiquincentennial is more than a commemoration – it is a call to participation. The founders left a framework intended to be strengthened and improved by future generations. In the Lehigh Valley, that responsibility continues today through civic involvement, education, and community connection.

As America reaches its 250th year, our region stands as a living reminder that national history is built locally. By reflecting on where we have been and engaging with where we are going, the Lehigh Valley can help shape the next chapter of the American story.

Residents are encouraged to take part in upcoming events, explore local history, and celebrate this once-in-a-generation milestone – together. ■ *This article was prepared with editorial assistance and reviewed prior to publication.*

BUDGETARY CHALLENGES cont. from page 1

The cost of the highly specialized vehicles and equipment needed by Fire and EMS has skyrocketed over the past five or so years. A review of the vehicle and equipment replacement schedule made it obvious that the Fire Fund was underfunded to meet future and ongoing needs of the Department. The Township staff, in conjunction with the leadership team of our Fire and EMS Department, have successfully sought grants to offset these rising expenses. In fact, in 2025, the Township was awarded \$200,000 from the State-wide Local Share Account to be used to purchase portable radios for the Department. This sum is in addition to a \$92,581 grant awarded in Spring for the same purchase. State Representative Steve Samuelson and State Senator Nick Miller were instrumental in bringing these tax dollars back to our community. The Township is grateful for these efforts and looks forward to this successful partnership continuing. The Township is presently pursuing additional grant

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monies to replace the Department’s hydraulic rescue tools or Jaws of Life. Nonetheless, additional increases to the Fire Tax should be anticipated.

As our residents know from prior communications, we have not been successful in obtaining any grants to use towards the replacement of the Community Center roof and its HVAC system. Rather than delay this necessary project further, replacement will proceed in 2026. Whether the Board decides to proceed in stages, as currently anticipated, or determines that it is more beneficial to complete the project entirely in 2026, funding will come from Township reserves. The 2026 budget marks the first budget in recent memory that did not generate some funds to be placed in reserve for future needs. Accordingly, the Board will have to implement a schedule to replenish reserves. While the Board and staff will continue to work to identify efficiencies and observe fiscal prudence, a part of such schedule will no doubt include staged increases to the property tax mill rate to be implemented over the next several budgetary cycles. ■

The Benefits of Recycling

By Mark Hudson, Township Manager

Recycling plays an important role in protecting our environment and conserving valuable resources. By recycling the right materials, we help create a cleaner, healthier community for ourselves and future generations. Use your Whitetail/Casella can with the blue lid to recycle.



Why Recycling Matters

- ▶ **Conserves Natural Resources** Recycling reduces the need to extract raw materials such as timber, water, and minerals, helping preserve natural ecosystems.
- ▶ **Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions** According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), recycling and composting municipal solid waste saved more than 193 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2018.
- ▶ **Saves Energy** Recycling uses significantly less energy than producing new products from raw materials. For example, recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for more than 25 hours.
- ▶ **Reduces Waste and Pollution** Recycling diverts materials from landfills and incinerators, reducing pollution and harmful emissions while extending landfill life.

What Belongs in Your Recycling Bin

The following items are accepted and can be effectively sorted at our recycling facilities. If you see it on this list, you can confidently place it in your recycling bin unbagged and loose.

▶ Cardboard

Examples: Shipping boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, paper towel and toilet paper rolls

Recycle Better Tips: Flatten boxes to save space. Make sure items are clean and dry. No wax-coated cardboard.

▶ Paper

Examples: Office paper, newspapers, paper bags, magazines, junk mail, paper cups

Recycle Better Tips: Keep items clean and dry. Staples and envelope windows are okay. Please do not recycle books – consider donating them instead.

▶ Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, and Lids

Examples: Drink bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cups, food tubs and lids, shampoo bottles

Recycle Better Tips: Empty, clean, and dry all items. Squish bottles to save space and replace caps so they don't fall through sorting equipment. No plastic bags or wrap.

▶ Metal Cans

Examples: Soda and beer cans, soup and vegetable cans, aluminum foil

Recycle Better Tips: Items must be empty, clean, and dry. Ball up clean foil. Scrap metal should be taken to a scrap yard, not placed in recycling bins.

▶ Glass Bottles and Jars

Examples: Beer bottles, beverage bottles, food jars

Recycle Better Tips: Empty, clean, and dry only. No Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, or window glass. Broken glass belongs in the trash; unbroken items may be donated.

Items That Do NOT Belong in Recycling

Some materials cannot be recycled locally and can disrupt the recycling process. Please keep these items out of your recycling bin – and help spread the word.

▶ Plastic Bags Don't Belong

Why not? Plastic bags wrap around sorting equipment, causing shutdowns and safety hazards.

What to do instead: Recycle plastic bags at participating grocery and retail stores, which often have collection bins near store entrances. An even better option is to use reusable shopping bags whenever possible. ■



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RECYCLING**

Recycling correctly helps keep the system efficient, reduces costs, and protects the environment. Thank you for doing your part to recycle right!



Toss all empty and clean recyclables into this bin



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Tree Tips for Winter

Shade Tree Advisory Board

Winter is the BEST Time to Prune Trees

February and March are usually the coldest months in this part of Pennsylvania. Trees are dormant in February and March. Pruning when a tree is dormant is the preferred time to keep the tree healthy and properly shaped. Take advantage of the good visibility of the tree's branches. You'll find helpful tips and guidance on best pruning procedures at the Penn State Extension website: <https://extension.psu.edu/pruning-landscape-trees>

NEVER "Top" a Tree

Topping street trees is illegal in Hanover Township! Any tree service or landscape firm that tops a tree is not following best practices and is violating the ordinance. Cutting off the upper branches to "top" the tree will open it to insect invasion and decay and will increase the long-term cost, since the tree will die prematurely and need to be removed at a much greater expense than if the pruning had been done correctly in the first place. For the best pruning results, use the Penn State Extension guidelines cited above and/or hire a certified arborist to do this important work.

"Get to Know Your Backyard" Series, Thursday, March 12

Join us at the next in a series of educational presentations to get in-person info from a certified arborist. Joel Breslin will give guidance on general pruning techniques and answer your questions about how to properly prune your trees and shrubs. You'll see examples of dealing with tree branches that are overhanging sidewalks and learn what the Township ordinance says about keeping your trees along the street trimmed. If you plan to have some pruning work done, this

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR YARD

Tips for Pruning



DATE: March 12, 2026

TIME: 6:30PM TO 8:00PM

COST: FREE

**LOCATION:
HANOVER TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CENTER
MEETING ROOM**

Join us as we welcome Joel Breslin, a certified arborist from BetterScapes - Tree, Shrub and Lawn Care. Well pruned trees and shrubs are healthier and stronger. Safety concerns are another reason to prune your trees. Trimming trees correctly helps create a safe environment.

Discover how easy it is to transform your trees to healthy and beautiful.

Sponsored by the Shade Tree Advisory Board

will give you knowledge of what will be best for your trees. It will be a great way to learn what you can do now, in winter, to help your trees and shrubs have a happy spring, summer, and fall! ■



Whitetail toters should be placed at the curb with the metal pickup bar facing the street and the wheels toward your home. The blue-lidded toter is for recycling, and the black-lidded toter is for trash. Please refer to the website for your scheduled recycling and trash collection dates. The gray/brown toter with the Hanover Township logo is for yard waste and *will not* be collected by Whitetail. Please refer to the yard waste mailer for your scheduled collection dates.



EMS CORNER **Hanover Township VFC Transitions to Advanced Life Support Ambulance**

By Karen Peters, EMS Director

We are excited to share some important news with our community: Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has officially transitioned from a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance to an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance.



The main difference between BLS and ALS is the level of medical care provided. BLS, staffed by EMTs, offers essential, stabilizing care such as CPR, oxygen administration, patient monitoring, and basic first aid. ALS, staffed by paramedics, allows for critical, lifesaving interventions including IV therapy, cardiac monitoring, medication administration, and advanced airway management.



With this transition, we are now able to provide advanced medical care immediately on scene, rather than waiting for an ALS unit to respond from another Township. This is especially vital during “golden hour” emergencies such as cardiac events, strokes, and severe trauma, where rapid advanced care can truly mean the difference between life and death.

To make this upgrade possible, we were required to purchase additional specialized equipment. We have started a donation drive to help offset these costs. Thank you for your continued support as we work to better serve and protect our community.

If you are interested in donating, or know of a business that would like to support our ALS fund, please contact us. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and donation receipts are available. ■

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ALS Upgrade Community Support Update

Recently, our volunteers visited businesses throughout the industrial park to deliver letters requesting financial support to help fund our Advanced Life Support ambulance upgrade.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Micro Tool Company Inc.** for becoming the first business to donate toward this important initiative. Their generosity is truly appreciated and helps bring advanced, life-saving medical care directly to our community.



We are grateful for the continued support of our local businesses as we work to enhance emergency services in Hanover Township. ■

EMS CALL STATISTICS FOR 2025

Medical Emergencies	2,891
Motor Vehicle Accidents	184
Fire Support	91

Total EMS Calls for the Year 3,166

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

A huge thank you to all of our residents for the generous donations and treats you gave to Santa and his elves! Our members truly look

forward to this day every year, and it's always such a joy to see how excited everyone is – including our furry friends – to visit with Santa.

Your kindness and generosity truly warmed our hearts. The donations you provide help support our Fire Company throughout the year and are essential to keeping our volunteer company operational. These contributions help us cover the many necessary expenses required to continue serving our community. Thank you again for your continued support and for helping make this special tradition so meaningful for everyone involved. ■



Thank you once again to Wegmans for their generous donation of apples, candy canes, and puppy treats that we gave out on Santa Day, as well as for donating lunch for Santa and his elves. Santa Day is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and this generous support allows us to use all of the donations we receive directly toward our operational expenses. We are incredibly grateful for Wegmans' continued support and commitment to our community. Thank you for helping make Santa Day such a success and for supporting our volunteer Fire Company. ■



Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company was honored to be the beneficiary of the December bingo held at the HTCC. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported us. Your generosity and participation mean so much and help us continue serving our community throughout the year. We truly appreciate your support! ■

Emergency Responders Needed:



Help Us Help You....Join Our Team, Serve Your Community!

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization.

We offer several divisions to fit a variety of interests and skill sets, including Administrative positions, Firefighting, Fire Police, and EMS. All required training and equipment are provided at no cost.

If you're interested in learning how you can help serve your community, please contact us at the station at 610-867-2103 ext. 417, or stop by during Monday Night Training at 7pm. To learn more, visit our website: htvfc.org



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

HANOVER TWP VOL FIRE CO #1

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



We will be mailing out our annual fund drive letter in late April. Your generous donations are used directly toward the Fire Company's annual operational expenses.

As a volunteer company, we rely on this support to continue providing the services our community depends on every day.

Thank you for helping us help you – your support truly makes a difference! ■

Hanover Township Community Center 



Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

HTCC Booming as Spring Approaches

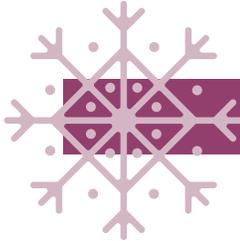
The Hanover Township Community Center is coming off a festive holiday season. The Tree Lighting and Lights at the Community Center, Breakfast with Santa, and Kids Winter Camp all set a wonderful atmosphere for Township residents.

Upon returning from the New Year celebration, the Community Center saw an uptick in new memberships. The best advice I can give to our morning fitness members is arrive early to find parking! Instructors Susan Gunkle, Theresa Heess, Paula Gabriel, Sandy Thomas, and Mary Mahoney all have a large following that continues to grow.

Speaking of growth, Regina Barczynski's Toddler Time classes have increased by the double digits. Toddler Time takes place on Tuesdays at 9 and 10am in the aerobics room. Regina reads to the children, plays games, and hands out snacks! The class is still open for registration and is offered to infants through Pre-K children.

We're in the midst of clinics for martial arts, lacrosse, and tennis. Year Three of the HTCC Pickleball League will get underway on February 11 and will run for 10 consecutive Wednesdays. Last year's league drew approximately 70 players on seven teams and we anticipate a similar turnout this Winter.

Also in full swing is the fourth year of the Hanover Hoops youth basketball league. The four teams are comprised of children ages 6-9. A big thank you to St. Luke's Children's Hospital for sponsoring the league jerseys this season. ■



HTCC Winter Programming

RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Lacrosse Clinics
- Junior Tennis Clinic
- Toddler Time
- 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

CARD GAMES (all games begin at 1pm)

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

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.



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

SPECIAL EVENT DATES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Sunday, March 15** **MARCH MADNESS 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** (HTCC Gymnasium)
- Saturday, March 28** **BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY** (HTCC Meeting Room)

Hanover Township Community Center



Heinsinger Enters 30th Year As HTCC Sensei

By Dante Terenzio

Tim Heinsinger is the longest tenured employee at the Hanover Township Community Center. Tough to compete with his longevity considering he was hired before the Community Center was even built.

In 2026, Heinsinger entered his 30th year in charge of the HTCC Martial Arts program. Under the watchful eye of “Sensei Tim,” Martial Arts has maintained a substantial following since the inception of the Community Center in 1997.

“More than 500 students have come through the HTCC program,” Heinsinger said. “My principle is to teach Martial Arts to the students, but hope they never have to use it. It’s a lifelong skill – something you may never use. But there’s always that one possibility that something can happen. Then, the training is all worth it.”

Heinsinger, who currently holds a sixth-degree black belt, has trained students of all ages from all walks of life. Not only does he stress the importance of self defense, but also how to verbally de-escalate a situation before it becomes physical.

From parents, to children, to teachers, to police officers, Heinsinger provides his students with confidence and a sense of safety.

“I’ve had at least a dozen students who’ve used their training techniques to save their lives,” Heinsinger said. “I train them on what to say and what not to say in situations that could turn physical. Ways to avoid contact with a potential attacker.”

Shotokan, aikido, and judo are the three practices of Martial Arts that Heinsinger teaches. While the sport is still popular to this day, Heinsinger recalls the Martial Arts boom of the ’70s and ’80s, thanks in large part to the influence of actor Bruce Lee.

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from Sensei’s Students

“I’ve been training with Sensei Tim for a little over 15 years now. His instruction goes far beyond technique; it builds discipline, confidence, and respect that carry into everyday life. He challenges you to grow, pushes you past your limits, and does so without ever losing sight of who you are as a person. His teaching emphasizes patience, accountability, and consistency, lessons that extend well beyond the dojo. Training under him has shaped not just my karate, but the way I approach life as a whole.”
- Stephanie Alvarado

“I have known Sensei Tim for over 12 years now. I met him when we were looking to have our children take karate class. We heard excellent things about his class and were very impressed when we went with my daughter and oldest son to observe a class. All four of my children attended his classes over the years. I was so impressed with Tim’s teaching and interactions with the children that I decided to attend his adult classes. I have been in his class for over 10 years now, and I intend to continue with Sensei. Tim is professional, humble, and dedicated to teaching. I am honored to call him Sensei and to have him as a friend and mentor.” - Kevin Fuehrer



Hanover Township Community Center



Lisa Outcalt
HTCC Preschool
Director

Happy New Year from HTCC Preschool!

In 2026, our students are excited to start planning what we will plant in our vegetable patch, and investigate what a plant needs to survive.

As the weather gets nicer, our preschoolers look forward to going on nature walks and enjoying the wonderful Township playground, and learning about nature, animals and the weather.

Registration will open at the end of January for enrollment for September with open days coming soon in spring (please check the Community Center Facebook page for more information). Our open days give families the opportunity to meet staff, learn about what students learn during the year and to view our classrooms.

Registration will open for our popular summer camp in February, spots fill up quickly so please stay tuned for more information. Campers will look forward to weekly themes, including science, art, water play and sports activities.

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

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

PreschoolDirector@hanovertwp-cc.org ■



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- January Registration opens for September Preschool
- February Summer camp registration begins

Thank You to HTCC's Special Event Sponsors!





Help Public Works Help You This Winter By: Martin Limpar

As winter weather arrives, our Public Works team works around the clock to keep roads safe and passable during snow and ice events. You can play an important role in helping crews do their jobs safely and efficiently.

- During declared snow emergencies, all vehicles must be removed from designated snow emergency roadways. Snow emergencies are declared when three (3) or more inches of snow are forecasted. Parked cars make it difficult – or impossible – for plows to clear streets properly, which can delay emergency response and road reopening.
- Stay well clear of snowplows and plow trucks. Visibility can be very limited for drivers during snow events, and plows may need to maneuver unexpectedly to clear roads effectively. For everyone’s safety, please give plows plenty of space. Finally, please be patient during and after snowstorms. Crews prioritize main roads, emergency routes, and problem areas first and will reach residential streets as quickly as possible.
- Please clear your sidewalks promptly after snowfall. Keeping sidewalks free of snow and ice helps ensure safe travel for pedestrians, including children walking to school and residents with mobility needs.

Working together helps keep our community safe all winter long. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our Public Works team.

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“Martial Arts has had its ups and downs. It was huge in the ‘70s because of Bruce Lee. There was a club on every corner in Philadelphia,” Heinsinger said. “Everyone wanted to take karate. That carried us through the ‘80s and ‘90s, then it took a hit. Now, MMA hurts it. But it’s still going strong.”

Heinsinger is also a Hanover Township resident of 30 years and takes great pride in the community.

“I remember back when there was very little housing in the ‘90s; it was mostly fields,” Heinsinger said. “The development has been amazing. The people are amazing, and that’s what makes my job enjoyable. The Township really takes care of its residents.” ■

from Sensei’s Students

“I have been a part of Sensei Tim’s karate club at the Community Center since I was in my junior year of high school. Looking back, I know that taking a huge step out of my comfort zone to come to Sensei’s class was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made, and I don’t say this lightly. My once small circle of friends grew exponentially when I met all of the fantastic people Sensei had been teaching. I have become more comfortable with myself and my ability to keep myself safe. Sensei has this great way of teaching where he pushes us to do bigger and better things while also instilling in us the fundamentals of a complicated martial art like Shotokan (our system of karate). Sensei Tim is one of the most knowledgeable, compassionate, and selfless people I have ever met. I will forever be grateful for the lessons he has taught me. It is my privilege to be able to call him my teacher and friend.”

- Julia Smith

“I have had the great pleasure of knowing Sensei for a few years now. He has always remained a steady and encouraging figure, and I have truly learned so much from him and have grown as an individual. I have learned to be confident in myself and trust in my abilities. I have learned it is never too late to learn new things and to always strive to improve yourself. Sensei has a way of connecting to us during his teaching so that you never feel like giving up or becoming discouraged. He makes you want to be your best self and to constantly improve. I have learned techniques and fundamentals of karate that while I hope I never need to use, I feel confident I could handle myself should the need arise. That is all because of Sensei. He is truly one of the best people I know and I feel beyond fortunate that our paths have crossed and I can call him my friend.”

- Juliana

School News & Updates

Hanover Elementary School

Hanover Elementary School wishes one and all a Happy New Year 2026! The New Year brings lots of excitement and new beginnings to Hanover! A HUGE Hanover welcome to our new Principal, Mr. Daniel Terry! We look forward to his positive leadership skills, dedication, and truly awesome staff and student relationships! We cannot wait to start the New Year with him as our new school leader! In addition, Hanover would like to thank our Interim Principal, Mr. Eric Fontanez, for all the guidance and support that he showed us during his time at Hanover! We appreciate all that he has done for our school!

December 2025 ended with both celebration and giving! Hanover held its first ever Santa Dinner Celebration, which was a huge success! Students ate tasty food, made holiday crafts, wrote letters to Santa, enjoyed holiday tunes played by Mr. Reilly on trumpet, and had their picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. Claus! What an awesome night! In addition, Hanover students participated in our annual “Giving Tree” tradition, whereby students and their families purchased holiday gifts for children across the Lehigh Valley through Northampton County Children, Youth, & Family Services. Our families selflessly supported those who are in need throughout the Lehigh Valley! The huge pile of holiday gifts in the school office showed Hanover giving and holiday cheer! Now...2026...Here We Come!

In January, Hanover Students enjoyed a Winter Ice Skating Party at the Bethlehem Ice Rink...followed by a Dine and Donate at the Clubhouse Grille! Fun was had by all! January fun also included a virtual assembly during Crayola Creativity Week!

February brings us “Random Acts of Kindness” month, where students are encouraged to do kind things for others, help where they can, and practice empathy and gratitude. Students participated in various activities throughout the month in order to help others and... **CHOOSE KIND!** February also will bring the 100th Day of School Celebration. Along with festive Valentine’s Day Parties and “Philly Pretzel Valentine-Grams”!

March brings us “Read Across America” where we will celebrate our love of books for an entire month! Hanover students will take part in various reading activities and celebrations during the month of March to showcase the importance of reading a good book! Other March highlights include...Hanover’s Author Visit Day, where a well-known author visits our school and teaches us all about writing books...First Grade’s Penguin Book Presentation and St. Patrick’s Day Green Luncheon...and our very anticipated



“Hanover Bingo Night” and “Hanover Talent Show”! Our very awesome Hanover PTA does a spectacular job with both of these events! The month ends with Hanover Science Day...where the students learn LOTS about science through hands-on activities provided by our exceptional PTA! Students look forward to this day all year long!

April will bring our first ever “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” event! Hanover is so very excited to start this annual tradition with our students. April also brings PSSA State Testing, which our students have been preparing for all year long through hard work and dedication.

The month of May always proves to be one of the busiest months of the entire school year. We start off the month with Teacher Appreciation Week! Our hard-working teachers are celebrated by our amazing PTA, parents, and students! May is also when we participate in “Screen Free Week” where we put down all electronic gadgets and go “Old School!”

The month of May also brings lots of exciting, educational field trips for our students, Hanover’s Field Day, Picnic Day, Spring Festival, Fifth Grade Variety Show, and our “Hanover Senior Celebration,” where we invite Hanover graduating seniors back to Hanover – where it all began – and celebrate them...**BIG TIME!** This is one of the best days of the school year!

Our school PTA deserves a HUGE thank you for all they do for our students, teachers, and staff! We appreciate all they do to make our school a very special place. Lastly, a very well-deserved “thank you” is extended to our dedicated, hard-working Hanover teachers and staff that make our school the best that it can be! Hanover... **YOU ROCK!**

Asa Packer Elementary School

The Asa Pumas continue to stay productive while also having loads of fun both at school and in the community.

Fall was jam-packed with exciting events, beginning with the Student Lighthouse Team's Veterans Day Clothing Drive. Our future leaders collected more than 65 bags of clothing, thanks to generous donations from Asa Packer families. All items were donated to the Purple Heart Foundation, supporting its mission of providing assistance to Veterans in need.

On November 10th, Asa Packer hosted its annual Veterans Day assembly. Students proudly shared photos of Veterans from their families, and several Veterans visited the school to be honored for their service to our country. APTV helped create a slideshow that beautifully commemorated this meaningful event.

The PTA hosted a candle fundraiser during the month of November to help support classroom field trips and student assemblies. The wonderfully scented soy candles were made by an amazing Asa mom, Aubrey Keenan. Her home business, Herberry Candle, creates top-quality candles that not only smell incredible but are also made from 100% natural soy wax and are eco-friendly. Candle lovers are encouraged to check out her online shop – you won't be disappointed! Thanks to the generous portion of profits donated back to the school, the PTA was able to raise \$800 through this fundraiser.

Asa Packer's PTA also hosted a Bowling Fundraiser at Hampton Lanes on November 9th. Families enjoyed two hours of bowling, showing off their skills on the lanes. There were plenty of spares and strikes – and even a few gutter balls – but everyone had a fun time. Anyone who ordered food from the grill had it delivered by a robotic food server, making it feel like an episode of *The Jetsons* (for those old enough to remember!). The best of all, the event brought the Asa family

together in the community while supporting both the school and a local business.

Girls from Asa's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades participated in the Girls on the Run 10-week program, meeting twice a week throughout the fall. Led by Asa teachers, the program focuses not only on running skills but also on teamwork, life skills, and embracing inner strengths. The highlight of the program was the 5K held on December 7th at DeSales University, where the girls and their running buddies gave it their all, bringing the empowering and successful program to a joyful close.

Snowy weather tried to put a damper on the Winter Concert, but the Asa Music Department wasn't going to let that happen after months of hard work by our Asa Kindergarten, 4th, and 5th graders as they learned their songs and dance moves. Held on December 15th, the concert featured winter music performed by our newest Asa Packer students in kindergarten. Our 5th-grade band and orchestra provided the music, while the 4th-grade classes also performed their winter-themed songs for an audience of families, students, and faculty.

During the final week before winter break, Asa also welcomed the Liberty High School Musical Department, which put on a wonderful performance for Asa Packer students. The Nitschmann Middle School Band and Color Guard also visited the school to perform, making it the perfect way to wrap up the week before break. Asa Packer always loves welcoming former students back to showcase the talents they began developing in elementary school.

The PTA hosted a Candy Cane Grams fundraiser, where students could purchase a candy cane for \$1 to be delivered to classmates, teachers, and staff. The sweet surprise brought big smiles to everyone who received one. In addition, all students received a special winter surprise, and the fundraiser raised \$750 to help teachers provide supplies for their classrooms.

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During winter break, Asa students participated in the BASD Winter Reading Challenge, reading lots of books to keep their literacy skills sharp while also taking time to slow down during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Students sent in snapshots of themselves reading, which were proudly shared on BASD's social media pages.

Thanks to PATIENT FIRST and their generous donation, the Asa Packer PTA was able to continue a beloved winter break tradition – ice skating at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink. The donation allowed the PTA to rent the rink for a private event that the entire Asa family could enjoy. Students and families filled the ice for the duration of the event. We saw first-time skaters cautiously holding onto the boards before confidently skating on their own by the end. Others showed impressive skills, racing around the rink and performing some spectacular tricks. There was even a dad showing off skills from years of childhood figure skating lessons! We hope to continue this cherished winter break tradition for many years to come.

Students returned to school on January 5th dressed in their pajamas, making it feel like winter break never ended! This cozy day had a meaningful purpose, as it helped raise money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The Student Lighthouse Team organized CHOP Pajama Day, an annual fundraising event that supports pediatric patients by providing comfort, fun, and vital funds for care and research. Way to go, Asa students! Together, they raised an amazing \$1,146 for the kids at CHOP. We are SO proud of you!

January 22nd was truly a day and night to remember at Asa Packer. Thanks to funds raised by Asa families and the hard work of the dedicated Asa Packer PTA, The Brian Show came to our school. The Brian Show is one of the hottest interactive educational trivia game shows around and is the closest you can get to being on a live TV game show –

because who hasn't dreamed of being on one?!

The highly entertaining Brian Show host led two day-time events for students and staff, followed by an evening show where families came together to show off their trivia knowledge and dance skills in hopes of winning the coveted "I'm a Brian Show Maniac" medallion. Laughter filled the halls throughout the entire school – and probably echoed outside as well! Thank you to The Brian Show for an absolutely spectacular day. We can't wait to play again!

We can't wait for the Spring Hanoverview Newsletter to share all the exciting events we will have experienced since this update on Asa Packer. Asa Packer's PTA has several fun activities and a few fundraisers planned, and spring class trips are already being scheduled. Our annual Patio Party, open to all Hanover Township residents, is also starting to come to life and will be held on Friday, May 8th. We hope you have a safe and fabulous winter – stay warm! ■

Shovel

Always shovel snow from your sidewalks and driveways for your safety and others. Shovel snow onto lawn areas, not onto the road or into storm drains. Snow shoveled into the yard area helps reduce runoff that goes down the storm drain and into waterways.

BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY



CHECK OUT THE BAPL BOOK SALE!

Our library book sale is back this month at the Main Library. This sale has thousands of books arranged by category to make it easy to shop. You will find tons of books on all sorts of topics and for all reading levels. Most books are priced \$2 or less, with many excellent bargains to be found. There are also DVDs, vinyl records, comic books, children's books and much more! Cash, check, or credit/debit is accepted. **The sale runs two days: March 18 from 12-8 and March 21 from 10-4 at the Main Library, 11 W. Church St., Bethlehem.**



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ROCK THE MIC AT THE LIBRARY

Join us for our weekly open mic at the Main Library, hosted by Bill Medei! Come enjoy listening to music, comedy, and poetry acts or sign up to perform yourself. We ask that performers arrive around 5PM to sign-up. There is a fifteen minute time limit for musicians and six minute time limit for poets and comedians. No registration is required. Open Mic is held every Monday from 5-7:30pm.

Visit BAPL.org or scan the code below to see our full calendar of events



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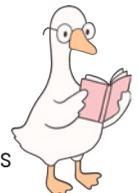
Main Library

11 W. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610.867.3761



South Side Branch

400 Webster Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610.867.7852



Books on the Hill

Spiegel and Stanley Streets
Fountain Hill, PA 18015

BAPL Coolidge

2740 Fifth Street
Bethlehem, PA 18020



Lehigh Valley
Book Festival

The Lehigh Valley Book Festival will be at BAPL on March 28! Visit theendbooks.co for more info on the fest!



BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning Starts Here

Elected Officials News & Updates



Tara Zrinski

(Northampton County Executive)

On January 5, I had the profound honor of raising my right hand and taking the oath as Northampton County's first woman county executive. It was a moment fixed in history, but also in family, community, and

the future we are building together. Standing in Courtroom One, looking out at county employees, local officials, and neighbors from every corner of Northampton County, I felt both the weight of being “the first” and the hope of what we can do together when we share the power of the office.

In my first week, we moved quickly from ceremony to substance. Within days, we convened the inaugural Executive Summit, bringing more than 100 community leaders, municipal officials, service providers, and private citizens into one room to talk frankly about our shared challenges and opportunities. Housing stability, transportation, access to services, sustainability, public safety, and economic development were not treated as separate issues to be solved in silos, but as interconnected pieces of one countywide story. The energy in that room was incredible: people comparing notes across departments and townships, naming problems honestly, and helping shape a 100-Day Action Plan and a four-year strategic framework that will guide this administration's work.

At the same time, we are in the process of installing a new cabinet – leaders who combine technical expertise with a deep commitment to public service. As each director and administrator takes the oath, the question is the same: How will this department serve residents better, listen more closely, and act more transparently? The early conversations with incoming cabinet members have focused on stabilizing critical services, supporting our frontline staff, and making sure that every dollar we spend reflects our values: responsible stewardship, equity, and long-term resilience.

This season of new beginnings is also a moment of gratitude and transition. After years of dedicated service, our Director of Emergency Management, Todd Weaver, is retiring. Todd has guided Northampton County through storms, floods, and public-safety emergencies with a steady hand and a calm, professional presence. His work has often happened behind the scenes – late-night calls, coordination across agencies, and careful planning so that when a crisis comes, our residents are protected. On behalf of the county, I want to thank Todd for his leadership and wish him well in this next chapter. His legacy will live on in the strong emergency management systems and relationships he helped build.

There is real excitement on the horizon for Northampton County. We are preparing to celebrate America250, investing in affordable housing and human services, and renewing our commitment to Gracedale, open space, and economic development that benefits residents in every community. We will be taking a hard look at our budget to ensure that we are funding obligations responsibly and supporting the employees who make county government work every day. Most of all, we are committed to rebuilding trust – by listening before we act, by communicating clearly, and by inviting residents from Hanover Township as well as every borough and city to help shape the decisions that affect their lives.

This is a new chapter for Northampton County, and it belongs to all of us. As your county executive, I look forward to working with you – neighbors, local officials, business owners, and community leaders in Hanover Township and beyond – to build a county government that is worthy of the people it serves. ■



State Representative Steve Samuelson

(135th Legislative District)

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co. Awarded \$292,000 in State Grants

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has been awarded \$292,581 in state grants for the purchase of new radios for the volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel, and command staff who serve Hanover Township. I was proud to work with Senator Nick Miller to secure two state grants for the fire company – \$92,581 in Local Share Account funding which was awarded in May 2025, and an additional \$200,000 which was awarded in December 2025, through the Statewide Local Share Account program.

These grants will be used to purchase 30 Motorola APX 8000 Portable Radios and 14 APX 8500 Mobile Radios. This should allow for the completion of a project to upgrade and enhance communication equipment essential as the Fire Company interacts with agencies including the Northampton County Emergency Management Department and Pennsylvania State Police during emergencies they respond to, which includes both Hanover Township and surrounding areas. Our Fire Company volunteers provide a level of professionalism for residents and businesses 24/7. Making sure they are equipped with the latest technology to assist them in their work protecting our community is vital, and I'm proud we're able to obtain state funding to support this project.

The Local Share Account programs provide for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority to support projects in the public interest across Pennsylvania.

Income Limit increases for Property Tax/Rent Rebate

My office is now helping homeowners and renters apply for the 2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate (PTRR), with higher income limits which took effect in January. Legislation I authored in 2023 expanded eligibility for the PTRR to 175,000 additional people across the state, and also included an annual Cost of Living Adjustment. The net income limit for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is now \$48,110 for both 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 included a COLA 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. Call my office for more information.

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 10:30am. 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: February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18. ■

District Office: 104 East Broad Street, Bethlehem, 18018
 ▪ 610-867-3890 ▪ Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
 ▪ pahouse.com/Samuelson/

HTCC Mobile Office:

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



State Senator Nick Miller

(14th Senatorial District)

Hello, Neighbor, Happy New Year!

I’m honored to continue representing you in Harrisburg and look forward to connecting with more Hanover Township residents during our monthly mobile office hours at the Community

Center. If you need assistance with state programs, want to share your thoughts on legislation, or simply wish to meet our team and learn about available resources, we invite you to stop by. We’re there on the second Wednesday of every month from 9–11:30am

In 2025, we secured major investments for Hanover Township through the Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide program and Act 13 programs. Hanover Township will receive a \$200,000 LSA grant to purchase and install 44 Motorola APX all-band radios for its volunteer fire company, improving emergency communication and interoperability with Northampton County’s new radio system. Additionally, we secured a \$1,000,000 LSA grant to replace the 28-year-old aircraft rescue and fire-fighting vehicle at Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority (ABE) with a new, modern vehicle.

I’m proud to share that we served 1,158 constituents in 2025, addressing key needs through agencies such as the Labor & Industry, Department of Revenue, and Transportation. We processed \$478,078.68 in Property Tax/Rent Rebates (PTRR). This program serves as a vital lifeline for renters and homeowners. Our community outreach included 15 community-led tabling events and 10 office-led initiatives, including our Coffee and Conversations series, ensuring strong engagement and accessibility across the district.

As Chair of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, I led hearings on critical issues such as workforce development, housing affordability, and more. As the youngest chair in Pennsylvania history, I’m proud of the progress we achieved: 14 hearings across 10 districts, engaging 74 stakeholder groups. These accomplishments reflect our commitment to driving meaningful change for communities across the Commonwealth, and I look forward to continuing productive discussions in 2026 to advance our policy initiatives.

As always, my office is here to assist you, and I look forward to another productive year in 2026! You can call us at 610-821-8468, text us at 610-801-1701, or visit us during mobile office hours listed on the website. Until next time. ■

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U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

(7th District of Pennsylvania)

As your representative in Congress here in the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, nothing is more important to me than ensuring that you get the answers and assistance that you need.

Every day, people all across our community reach out to our four district offices about matters relating to federal agencies. Sometimes it’s for simple things, like a question about a federal program or assistance with a passport. Other times it’s for something complex, like a longstanding IRS problem or an immigration issue. Whatever it is, my team and I are here to help.

As we started our year, we took a moment to look back on our work in 2025. In our first year in office, we worked quickly to get our operations off the ground and begin providing services to our communities on day one. Since then, our experienced staff has done tremendous work for people in every corner of our district – solving problems, getting answers, and showing up for our community. In fact, throughout 2025, we were able to complete over 5,500 constituent cases and respond to over 120,000 messages on legislative topics. That’s thousands of problems solved, questions answered, and services delivered.

We also know that showing up and listening to you is just as important as providing the services you count on. That’s why my team and I participated in over 800 events in 2025, including meetings, town halls, community gatherings, and more. These events shape the work that we do on your behalf, both in Washington and here at home, and we’re dedicated to continuing to meet with people throughout our district.

Another important accomplishment has been our success in securing resources for local projects. Through the appropriations process, we have managed to secure millions of dollars for a wide range of projects, especially those supporting local first responders. That includes over \$1.6 million for new firefighting infrastructure and over \$3 million in radio improvements benefiting first responders throughout the region. Projects like these serve our community and save our local taxpayers throughout the region from bearing the cost directly.

Whether it’s solving problems, hearing your thoughts, or delivering resources for community projects, it’s an honor to work on your behalf. If you have questions, thoughts, or issues relating to a federal agency, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our office today. And don’t forget to sign up for our newsletter so that you can keep up with the work we’re doing. ■

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State Representative Joe Emrick (137th Legislative District)

Bethlehem Area School District Funding Increases to \$77.26 Million in 2025-26

I wanted to provide an important update about the education funding portion of the 2025-26 state budget, specifically as it relates to the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD). As someone who spent 18 years teaching in our public high schools before becoming your state representative, I know firsthand how critical it is that we adequately fund and support our students and teachers. It is vital they have everything they need to succeed in the classroom.

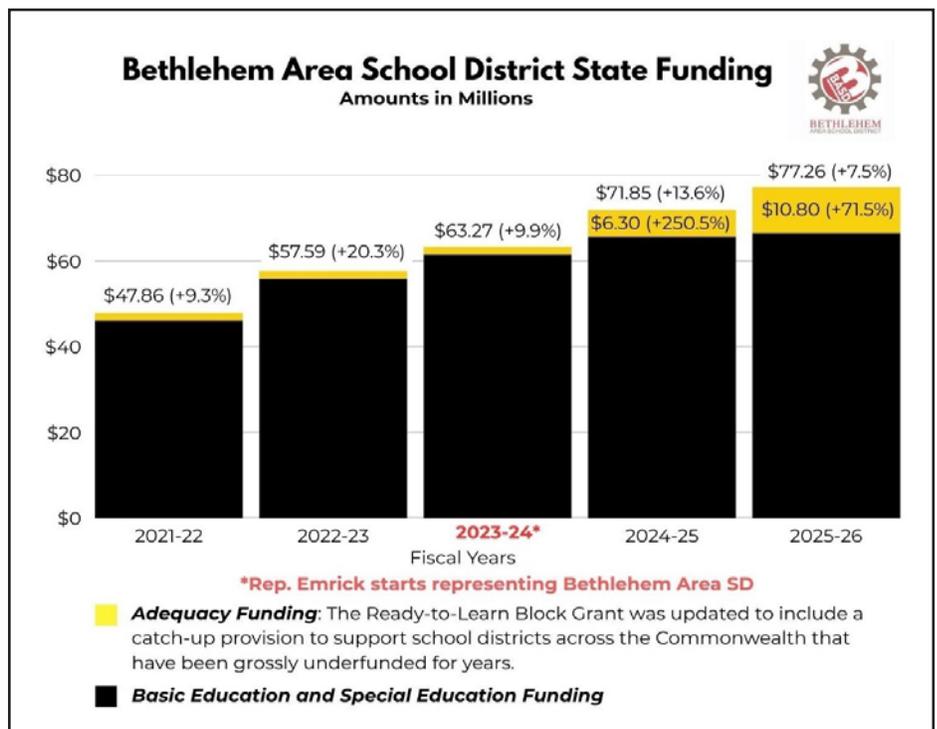
As we know, BASD has been underfunded for years. That is why we fought so hard in this budget to increase not just all basic education funding, but specifically the “catch-up provision” known as “adequacy funding.” BASD’s overall funding increased to \$77.26 million – up 7.5% from last year – helped in large part by \$10.8 million in adequacy funding, which is a 71.5% increase from last year.

On the right is a breakdown of education funding increases for BASD during the past few years, including the 2025–26 state budget.

Education has always been deeply personal to me, and it remains one of my highest priorities. Nothing means more than doing everything in my power to advocate for the students, families and residents of the 137th District. I will continue working tirelessly to ensure our schools receive the resources they need and deserve. If my office or I can ever be of assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out. ■

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 Palmer, PA 18045
 ▪ 484-554-0146 ▪ RepEmrick.com

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 Nazareth, PA 18064 ▪ 610-746-5090





From the Zoning Office: Why do I need a Permit?

By Tracy Luisser, BCO & Zoning Officer

As the weather starts to get warmer, we want to start tackling our home improvement lists. Many projects require a permit to complete the work. Why do I need a permit? The answers to that question are simple. Your safety, zoning requirements, and Township ordinances to name a few. Your safety ensures that work is done to meet the current building codes. Zoning makes sure that you are allowed to construct in a specific location. This prevents construction from being done too close to property lines. Keep in mind that it is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure if a permit is required or obtained.

Below is a list of improvements that require a permit. This list is NOT exhaustive.

- Re-roofs
- Sheds
- Swimming Pools
- Replacement windows
- Patio enclosures
- Sewer repairs
- Replacement of HVAC
- Replacement of Gas Water Heaters
- Decks/patios
- Fences
- Hot Tubs
- Additions
- Solar panels
- Sidewalk replacement

Please contact the Township Zoning office at 610-866-1140 ext. 236 with any questions. ■

Mark Your Calendars

2026 RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING BILLS

Your Residential Waste & Recycling Bills for 2026 calendar year of services have been mailed to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the middle of February, please call the Municipal Office at 610-866-1140. Online Payments are available on our website at hanovertwp-nc.org. Our office will accept cash or check payments during our normal business hours of 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday, you may pay by mail, or drop off your payment into the mail slot (front of building) during non-business hours.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION DAYS

Mark your calendars! Berkheimer representatives will be at the Community Center February 13 and on March 27, from 10am-5pm, to accept your real estate tax payments and answer any questions. Tax bills will be mailed by February 1st.



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