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HANOVER TOWNSHIP America250 Celebration

Saturday, September 26 ☆ Expected time: 2:30-7pm

Join us for a Spectacular America250 Celebration!

By Mark L. Hudson, Township Manager

We are thrilled to announce plans for an exciting community event celebrating our country's 250th Anniversary! Residents of all ages are invited to gather for a day filled with entertainment, activities, food, and hometown pride at First Responders Park, featuring the Township's newly constructed pavilion. The day will be packed with fun and entertainment, including:

- Live music from two bands
- A classic car show
- Inflatable rides and activities for kids
- An exciting juggling performance
- Corn hole and quoits tournaments
- Craft vendors • Delicious food trucks
- And much more still being planned!

One of the highlights of the day will be a special tribute honoring our local military

personnel, both active-duty and retired, for their dedicated service to our country. If you know a resident who should be recognized during this special ceremony, please email aaziz@hanovertwp-nc.org with both your contact information and the honoree's contact information or you can call the Township at 610-866-1140 and ask for Alicia.

Be sure to visit the Township website for updates and additional event details as plans continue to grow: hanovertwp-nc.org

The nationwide America250 celebration marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, honoring the history, achievements, and democratic ideals of the United States. Throughout 2026, communities across the country will host parades, concerts, educational programs,

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Supervisors' News & Updates



Fire, EMS, and Infrastructure Loom Large as 2027 Budget Planning Begins

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

There are several studies that show that the average person needs to hear a particular message five to seven times before the message moves from short-term memory to long-term memory.

Advertising follows a seven-time rule of thumb and lawyers being lawyers think it is up to 12 times! For those of you who read the core message in the following article and feel that you have heard it before, you are ahead of the normal curve. Setting aside the small housing development that is beginning to take shape at the end of Jacksonville Road, our Township is all but fully developed. We are no longer in building mode but are in maintenance mode. Building new and fresh is far more exciting and it comes with an influx of development fees. Maintenance is not so exciting, but it is vital to maintaining the character of our community.

The replacement of the roof of our Community Center can no longer be delayed. The heating and cooling system is well beyond its useful life as well. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors voted to fund a 2.1 million dollar project to replace the roof and HVAC systems later this year. This is a necessary investment in our community which will enable us to retain real meaning in our tag line that the Township is a great place to live, work and play. Although our reserves will remain robust, they will be reduced at a time when other budgetary demands will preclude us from readily replenishing those reserves unless some fiscal changes are made.

Those who pay close attention to meeting minutes and articles in this newsletter know that the 2026 budget was the first one in 16 cycles to include a tax increase, which was limited to a modest increase to the fire tax only. Another familiar message from past newsletters, which I am not

sure has been widely heard, is the lack of able-bodied and fully trained volunteer fire fighters. While each firefighter who answers the call for his neighbor at 3am, has dedicated a tremendous amount of hours training to be ready to safely and effectively respond, our department is a 100% volunteer organization. We have written about the skyrocketing costs of life preserving and firefighting equipment needed to keep Fire and EMS operating 24-7. We have been successful in seeking grant money to offset some of these costs and will continue to look for such opportunities. The greatest asset, those willing and able to volunteer their time to train and answer the call, our volunteers, are dwindling in numbers. There are any number of reasons for this, but the Township is not unique in this regard.

The leadership of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company and the leadership of the Township are working together to come up with solutions to address these issues. Possible solutions include regionalization among neighboring municipalities and hybrid departments that include both volunteers and paid firefighters. There is no honest way to sugar coat the fact that any solution will require a greater financial commitment from the Township and its taxpayers. Very simply, to make sure that there is a team to answer those calls at 3am, we are facing funding gaps that will have to be addressed through tax increases in each of the coming budgets. The Supervisors and Township management understand that financial stability has been a reason the Township is a great place to live. We will remain fiscally disciplined as we examine ways to maintain the continuity of the high level of emergency services to which we have all become accustomed. ■

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historical reenactments, and cultural events that reflect the nation's diverse heritage and shared values. America250 is designed not only to remember the past, but also to inspire civic engagement and unity for the future. Organized in part by America250, the initiative encourages Americans of all ages to participate in commemorating the people, events, and ideas that have shaped the nation over the past two and a half centuries.

SAVE THE DATE! We look forward to celebrating this historic occasion with our wonderful community! ■





Gaspar Avenue Stormwater Project Underway

By Stephen M. Gross, Board of Supervisors

If you've ever driven west down Gaspar Avenue toward Pharo Park during a steady rainstorm, you have an idea of the water drainage issues in the area. Make a right onto Sydna Street during a summer thunderstorm and you might

even wish you were driving a boat instead of your vehicle.

By the time kids head back to school in the fall, those problems should be a thing of the past.

With the money remaining from the COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA Grant after last summer's stormwater project on and around Stoke Park Road, the Township is addressing another area that is overdue for a stormwater sewer project. Gaspar Avenue and Kim Street in Stafore Estates will spend the summer under construction.

A total of 13 bids were received for the project with Charlie Nansteel Tree & Excavation, LLC awarded the project as the lowest bidder. Despite sharing funds from the same grant, this is an entirely separate project from Stoke Park Road, had an entirely separate bid process and has a different company completing the work (Kobalt Construction completed the Stoke Park Road project).

While a majority of the project is being paid for with grant funds, the Township is required to match 33% of the cost due to the terms of the grant. Those funds will be paid using the Capital Reserve Storm Sewer fund and the Liquid Fuels fund.

The project began on May 4 as trees and shrubs in the way of the project were removed. Not to fret, however, they'll be replaced later in the summer. Once the trees were removed, saw cutting the street wrapped up the first week's work.



While the entire timeline is subject to change, mid-May to mid-July will consist of installing storm inlets, piping, and relocating water mains. The end of July should see trench pavement restoration and vertical curb installation. And the final month of project will feature lawn restoration, tree installation and full-width pavement restoration.

If everything remains on track, clean up for the entire project should take place during the final week of August.

It is possible that water will need to be temporarily shut off for some residents if the water main requires adjustment due to conflicting with the new storm sewer pipe. If that's the case, affected residents will receive notice. Residents will also receive prior notice if access to their driveway is temporarily restricted. Residents with questions about the project can contact Site Manager Chad Nansteel at 610-597-9751. ■

Fiber Optic Broadband Coming to Hanover Township

Over the coming months, several fiber optic companies will be installing new fiber optic cable throughout the Township to expand high-speed internet (broadband) access for residents. These providers are regulated utilities under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), not the Township. The Township's role is to verify that contractors are properly approved by the PUC and carry valid insurance coverage.

Fiber installation will occur using two methods:

- ▶ **Underground Installation:** In neighborhoods with underground utilities, fiber lines will be placed within the public right-of-way, which may include portions of residential yards. Contractors are responsible for restoring any disturbed areas after work is completed. Underground utility boxes with lids will be installed in some locations.
- ▶ **Aerial Installation:** In areas with utility poles, fiber lines will be attached to existing poles after approval from the pole owners (Verizon/PPL). Many of these poles are located within utility easements behind homes, and contractors may require access to those areas. Any damage caused during installation must be repaired by the contractor.

The Township will continue monitoring these projects to ensure contractors meet required insurance and regulatory standards. We appreciate residents' patience during construction and recognize the benefits expanded fiber service can bring to the community. Residents with questions or concerns are encouraged visit the Hanover Township Website to see who is working in your neighborhood: hanovertwp-nc.org/information/fiber-optic-utility-construction/ ■

Arbor Day Celebration at Hanover Elementary on April 24

Shade Tree Advisory Board

Hanover Township's fourth annual Arbor Day celebration was held at Hanover Elementary on Friday, April 24. Students from the kindergarten-, first- and second-grade classes gathered outside to learn about the importance of planting trees and the way that trees help clean the air, shade the hot spots, and give birds and other animals a habitat. The new tree planted near the playground and parking lot behind the school is a Bur Oak, and it will live for many years, long after these young students have grown up. Our mascot, Linden Tree, a former Hanover student, returned to help with the celebration – she was in her official tree costume that the kids all loved.

Following a presentation about trees and how to care for them, the students put mulch around the tree, using the best technique of keeping the mulch a few inches from the tree's trunk and creating a three-inch layer of mulch to cover the soil. This keeps rainwater down in the soil for the tree's roots and prevents weeds from growing – no more “mulch volcanoes!”

Mini cupcakes topped with edible leaf cutouts and worksheets with sticker labels about trees rounded out the celebration. Thanks to Principal Dan Terry, Lori Metz from Carriage House Landscape Design, the volunteers, and the teachers for making this a fun and educational assembly for these students.



Keep a Regular Watering Schedule for Your Trees

Even with the good amount of snowfall this past winter and recent rains, this area is still lacking the sufficient soil moisture that all trees rely on to grow. If you have planted a tree in the last few years, please continue to water it weekly with a few gallons of water. This will ensure the tree will thrive and grow to its full potential, making Hanover Township's tree canopy such an important part of why it's so wonderful to live and work here.

Permits are Required Before Removing a Dead Street Tree

Remember to apply for a permit to remove a dead street tree. Contact the Zoning Officer at tluisser@hanovertwp-nc.org or go to the Township website for details. ■

Zoning Fun Facts

By Tracy Luisser, BCO/Zoning Officer



The Zoning Department gets lots of questions regarding rules and regulations of the township daily. Some of the most asked questions are as follows:

- ▶ **Can I have chickens or bees?** Unfortunately, the answer is no. Chickens are only permitted in the Agricultural Zoning District and not in any Residential Districts (§185-26 A(3))
- ▶ **What type of fence can I have?** A fence can be up to 6' tall, wood, metal, or other material, but not a total solid fence. The definition of a fence in the ordinance is permitting clear vision, around and through completed installation. (§185-14 F)
- ▶ **Do I need an inspection if I'm selling or renting my house?** Yes. These are property maintenance inspections. The cost of an inspection is \$150.00, which include (2) inspections. (§185-45 C; §185-36)
- ▶ **Do I need a permit for a yard sale?** Yes. They are good for a specific date. There is no charge for a permit. Permits are good for (2) consecutive days (§88)
- ▶ **While I was walking, a sidewalk was blocked by shrubbery or low hanging branches. Can you have the owner clear it?** Sidewalks must be kept clear of all debris.(§155-14) Branches overhanging sidewalks should be 8 feet above sidewalks and 15 feet overhanging the roads (§168-5 C(1))
- ▶ **I want to get a shed. Do I need a permit?** Yes a permit is required. Sheds can be up to 120-square feet and up to 9-foot tall at the gable. (§185-25 C (3)c))
- ▶ **My neighbor's grass is very tall. Can you make them cut it?** Yes, with a warning the first time. Grass cannot be more than 12 inches tall. (§89) ■



Be Alert as Public Works Gears Up for a New Season

By Martin Limpar

As winter fades and warmer days arrive, our Public Works team is shifting into high gear. Spring is one of our busiest times of year, as we transition from snow and ice operations to repairing, refreshing, and preparing our community for the months ahead.

One of our top priorities this season is addressing the wear and tear left behind by winter weather. Freeze-thaw cycles can be tough on our roads, leading to potholes and surface damage. Our crews are already out assessing road conditions and making repairs to ensure safer, smoother travel for everyone. Please be aware of work zones and make sure to slow down to protect our Public Works crew.

In addition to road work, spring is a time to refresh our public spaces. Our team is hard at work cleaning parks, maintaining roadways, and getting recreational areas ready for residents to enjoy. These efforts help ensure our community looks its best and remains a safe, welcoming place for all.

Spring also brings opportunities for residents to join us in keeping our township clean and beautiful. Our seasonal yard waste collection is now underway, making it easier to dispose of leaves, branches, and any other acceptable yard waste. We encourage everyone to take advantage of the Hanover Township yard waste services. Small actions – like properly bundling yard waste or keeping debris out of storm drains – can make a big difference.



As always, we appreciate your patience as we complete this important work and your partnership in maintaining our community. Together, we can make this a productive and successful spring season.

If you have questions, need to report an issue, or want to learn more about our programs, please don't hesitate to contact the Public Works Department or visit our website for updates. Here's to a safe, clean, and vibrant spring! ■

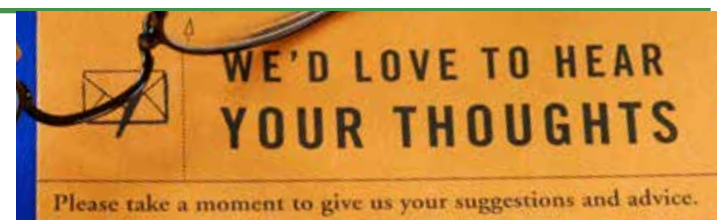
Planning Today for Tomorrow's Parks and Recreation

By Carolyn Environmental Planning & Design

The Township is excited to be launching its 2026 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space planning effort! As a part of this effort, the focus will be developing a 10-year plan for the Township with an emphasis on parks, park amenities, recreation programming, and the evolving needs of our community.

The previous plan, completed in 2006, has given the Township a solid foundation for the parks and recreation system. However, through the past two decades, community needs and priorities have shifted. An emphasis in this update is improving the effectiveness of day-to-day functionality of existing parks, facilities, and other key assets. In addition, the plan seeks to expand and strengthen recreational programs, activities, and community offerings.

A major component of this process will be the public input. You, as the residents, will have several opportunities to share feedback, comments, and ideas throughout the planning process. Be on the lookout for a community-wide survey! We



appreciate you finding time to settle in and answering the wide range of questions that are key in making this effort successful! In considering that the future generations will be working with this document's ideas, your time spent on the survey will be very important. Your responses will help inform the effort and play an important role in guiding future priorities and recommendations. Please make sure to tell your friends and family to be on the lookout for the survey as well!

As part of the planning process, we'll evaluate existing facilities, programs, participation levels, and overall systems, while also exploring future funding opportunities. The goal for the project is to create a practical, easy-to-use implementation guide that will help the Township prioritize projects and investments moving forward. Within the next year, the Board of Supervisors aims to adopt the document so implementation can begin. ■



EMS CORNER
Advanced Life Support Ambulance Update

By Karen Peters, EMS Director

We are proud to share that our transition to Advanced Life Support (ALS) services has been a tremendous success. Our highly trained paramedics are now responding directly from our station in Hanover Township, allowing critically ill and injured patients to receive advanced medical care faster and without delay.



Previously, Hanover Township often relied on surrounding agencies to provide paramedic-level services, which could delay critical interventions during emergencies. Today, residents and visitors benefit from immediate access to the highest level of prehospital emergency care right here within our community.

Paramedics are specially trained medical professionals who provide advanced lifesaving treatment, including cardiac monitoring, airway management, medication administration, and rapid critical decision-making in high-stress situations. Their ability to deliver advanced care in the field greatly improves outcomes for patients experiencing cardiac arrest, stroke, trauma, respiratory distress, and other serious medical emergencies.

This achievement reflects Hanover Township’s ongoing commitment to public safety and excellence in emergency medical services. By investing in ALS capabilities, the Township has strengthened its emergency response system and ensured faster access to advanced care when every second counts.

We are incredibly proud of our dedicated clinicians and leadership team whose hard work and commitment made this transition possible. Their professionalism, compassion, and dedication continue to ensure the highest standard of care for the community we proudly serve. ■

EMS WEEK CELEBRATION

During Emergency Medical Services Week, May 17–23, we celebrated our EMS providers each day with fun activities to recognize their hard work and dedication to our community.

On Thursday, May 21, Steve Samuelson honored our crews with an official citation, and Township Supervisor Susan Lawless presented us with a proclamation recognizing the outstanding service our EMS providers deliver every day. We also held a free basket raffle for our crews as part of the celebration. It was wonderful to see our EMS providers acknowledged and praised for all they do.

A HUGE shout out to The Vero of Bethlehem for helping us fund a gift for each of our providers. Thank you to **Sterling Heights** for providing lunch for our celebration on Thursday.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generous basket and gift card donations for our raffle:

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| Dave’s Deli | My Boy’s Baking |
| Holiday Hair | Good Times Pizza |
| PNC Bank | Weis Markets |
| Traditions of Hanover | Grazia’s Italian Market |
| Pizza Village | Tanczos Beverages |
| Sage Nail Salon | 3 Men and a Bagel |

We sincerely thank each and every one of them for their generosity and support of our EMS providers. ■





FIRE COMPANY NEWS

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Our annual Fund Drive has started,

so please send in your donations. 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. We are a **VOLUNTEER Fire Company**, we rely on this support to continue providing the services our community depends on every day. To donate securely online, scan the QR code on the right. ■



Emergency Responders Needed: *Help Us Help You....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're interested in learning how you can help serve your community, please contact us at the station at 610-867-2103, or stop by during Monday Night. To learn more, visit our website: htvfc.org



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Introducing the Colonial Regional Police Foundation

By John N. Diacogiannis – Foundation President

I am pleased to announce the formation of the **Colonial Regional Police Foundation**, a new nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the partnership between law enforcement and the community we serve.

The Foundation was created to help fund programs and initiatives that fall outside the Colonial Regional Police Department's regular operating budget. While tax dollars from Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships cover essential operations, many important efforts – such as advanced officer training, updated equipment, and public safety efforts that benefit residents, schools and area businesses, as well as youth outreach – often rely on private support. The Foundation will help bridge that gap.

Through charitable contributions from businesses, community leaders, and residents, the Foundation will help fund:

- > **Advanced training and professional development** to prepare officers for evolving public safety needs.
- > **Modern equipment and technology upgrades** that improve efficiency and safety.
- > **Officer wellness initiatives** that support mental and physical resilience.
- > **Public education and safety events** that benefit families, schools, and local organizations.
- > **Community and youth engagement programs** that strengthen relationships and foster trust.

The establishment of the Foundation marks an important milestone for Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships.

THE COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS SIMPLE:

To enhance public safety, ensure officers have the tools, training, and resources they need to serve effectively and compassionately, and build community trust.

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John N. Diacogiannis - President

Hugh W. Harris - Vice-President

Glenn Walbert - Secretary-Treasurer

It creates a formal avenue for community members to invest directly in the safety, stability, and quality of life of the neighborhoods they call home.

Local businesses and civic leaders will have opportunities to participate through sponsorships, partnerships, and special events that highlight their commitment to a safer, stronger community.

In the months ahead, area businesses and residents can expect updates on upcoming initiatives, and opportunities to participate in future fundraising efforts.

The Colonial Regional Police Department extends its gratitude to the Foundation and supporters who helped bring this vision to life. Together, we are building a safer future – one partnership at a time. ■

Hanover Township Community Center 



Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

Pool Season, Kids Summer Camp, Summer Events on Tap!

Here at the Hanover Township Community Center, we are preparing for the start of summer, which means fun in the sun!

The pool opens on Saturday, June 6. Daily hours of operation are 12–7pm. The last day of the pool season is slated for Sunday, August 23.

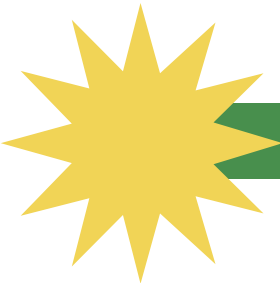
It's safe to say we have more than enough staff, as 35 lifeguards, head lifeguards, and managers are set to return. **Swim lessons** are currently open for registration. We have 10 weeks of lessons available – they run Monday–Thursday from 10:15–11am. You may register online or at the HTCC Front Desk.

Our **Kids Summer Camp** registration has filled quicker than normal this year. To be safe, do your best to register your child ahead of time because we cannot guarantee spots will be available if you wait.

We have 15 counselors returning from last summer, along with a few new hires. I'm excited to announce our new Director of Kids Summer Camp, Maria Spang. Maria is entering her fourth year working in our kids summer camp and excited to take on a bigger role. Fittingly, Maria is an early education major at University of South Florida and will be transferring to Moravian University in the Fall.

Due to the popularity of our camp, we've added two weeks at the end of summer. We've actually gone from six weeks in 2024 to 10 weeks now in 2026. We will have dozens of activities available for the children to participate in. To be clear, this is not a sports camp. The themes are sports related and we will certainly touch on those themes every day, but they are not the only focus. ■

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HTCC Summer Programming

RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- 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: Mahjonn ▪ Friday: Hand and Foot

SUMMER POOL EVENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Saturday, June 20, 4–6pm** **Dip N Dance**
- Saturday, July 11, 4–6pm** **Dip N Dance**
- Tuesday, August 4, 5–8pm** **National Night Out**

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.

Hanover Township Community Center

Employees Promoted in Hanover Township Recreation Department

By Dante Terenzio

I'm pleased to announce two hard-working employees within the Hanover Township recreation department have been promoted to managerial roles. Former Community Center front desk employee, Cyndi Galley, was elevated to HTCC Manager back in October. You will also see a familiar face taking on the role of Pool Manager, as former head lifeguard Ben Carlin accepted the position earlier this year. Both employees bring a wealth of experience and an up-beat attitude to the community. We're excited to see the positive changes these two can make for our residents.



CYNDI GALLEY, Community Center Manager, came on board a year ago, helping with both reservations and Community Center front desk. Galley, a Hanover resident since 2018, has more than three decades of office customer service.

The Dorchester, Mass., native previously worked for Northwood Racquet Club and Winning Touch Tennis, both located in the Lehigh Valley. Galley also volunteers at the front desk of Lehigh University's Lewis Indoor Tennis Center.

In her free time, Galley enjoys arts and crafts, painting, photography, cooking, baking, and paranormal investigating. She's excited to bring some of her interests to the Community Center. Be sure to stop by and say hello to Cyndi!

"I look forward to helping with all the events we have throughout the year and getting to know and interact with everyone in the community," Galley said. "I'm also looking forward to bringing new events to HTCC and our community." ■



BEN CARLIN, Pool Manager, literally dove right into his new role as pool manager in January. Carlin completed a 16-hour lifeguard instructor certification course in Souderton and now has the capabilities of training and certifying our guards in-house.

You probably remember Ben from the past couple summers at the pool. He's the jovial guy with the bucket hat and constant grin on his face. Ben is looking forward to putting the hours in and making the facility a fun and safe place to frequent.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this great staff and getting to know the Hanover community," Carlin said. "I'm a very positive person and I plan to bring that positivity to the staff and residents this summer. Our lifeguards are going to be more active and involved with the community. Expect there to be weekly games, events, and more!"

Carlin, a 2024 Moravian University graduate and former football player, is in his second year teaching at Lower Nazareth Elementary School. In his spare time, Carlin is the lead singer in his band "SLAMB" and performs on weekends throughout the Lehigh Valley. Expect to see them perform this summer at the pool! ■



Thank You to HTCC's Special Event Sponsors!

Contributed photo by resident Greg Tapler

Hanover Township Community Center



Lisa Outcalt
HTCC Preschool
Director

HTCC Preschool News

As Summer is getting started, HTCC Preschool is saying goodbye to our prospective Kindergartners. We wish them success and happiness starting their school careers.

Our 2025/26 academic year was wonderful, we welcomed new students and enjoyed activities such as Trunk or Treat, investigated and observed the plant cycle through pumpkin jack. We learned about careers and what students might like to do when they are adults. We are currently (May), working on clearing out our vegetable patch to plant new vegetables and flowers to observe and taste this summer.

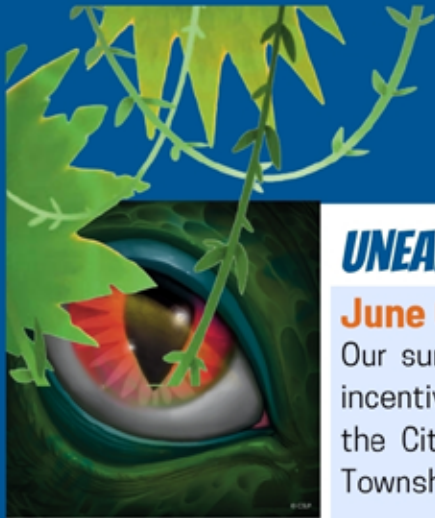
We always look forward to summer camp, and the start of the new school year, and cannot wait to meet our new summer campers and students.

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@hanovertwp-cc.org ■



BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY



UNEARTH A STORY @ THE LIBRARY



June 6 - July 31

Our summer reading challenge remains open until July 31st. This yearly incentive program is open to participants ages **3 through adult** who live in the City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Fountain Hill and Hanover Township. Complete the challenges and win prizes!

MUSEUM PASSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BORROW!

Discover amazing collections and points of interest in the Lehigh Valley and beyond! Patrons may now borrow museum passes for places like the DaVinci Science Center, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Mercer Museum, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, the Shofuso Japanese House and Garden - just to name a few. The museums are located throughout Northampton, Lehigh, Berks and Bucks counties, as well as the greater Philadelphia area. For the full listing of available passes and for borrowing rules and information, visit bapl.org/museum-passes/.

Check our online calendar for special events, guest presenters, health and wellness activities like yoga and qigong, craft sessions, book clubs, memoir writing, English and Spanish conversation meetups, open-mic nights, BAPL book sales, and a plethora of children's activities. Just scan the QR code and register for something new!



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS FOR ALL AGES

- **Eco Explorers** (July 6 @ South Side) Learn how to care for our earth and give back to the community while making cool projects with the DaVinci Science Center!
- **The Liberty Tree** (July 8 @ Main Library) Guitarist Charlie Zahm celebrates 250 years of American freedom with the songs of liberty that inspired a young nation.
- **Papa Tater** (July 14 @ Coolidge & July 25 @ Main Library) Papa Tater provides magic and laughter for the whole family with fun, interactive family show.
- **Coopersburg Dinosaurs** (July 15 @ Main Library) Discover the geography of eastern PA and how dinosaurs roamed right here in the Lehigh Valley!
- **Amazing Animal Adaptations** (7/28 @ Main) Meet the animal ambassadors from The Wilderz at Pocono Wildlife and learn how they evolved and adapted over time.



Social Media: @pabapl
 Newsletter Signup: bapl.org/newsletter
 Bookmobile Schedule: bapl.org/the-bookmobile

Main Library

11 W. Church Street
 Bethlehem, PA 18018
 610.867.3761

South Side Branch

400 Webster Street
 Bethlehem, PA 18015
 610.867.7852

BAPL Coolidge

2740 Fifth Street
 Bethlehem, PA 18020
 484.892.6267

Books on the Hill

Spiegel and Stanley
 Streets
 Fountain Hill, PA 18015



School News & Updates

Asa Packer Elementary School

The Pumas have been busy for the second half of the year!

Despite the cold winter weather, students came out for Book Bingo on 2/26, where winners shouted “Bingo!” to win books donated through the PTA’s fall Scholastic Fair sales.

During Read Across America Week, local author and illustrator Christian Bensing & Tim Feather visited Asa Packer to talk about The Tucker and Zoey Adventure Series and their creative process. The school also welcomed guest readers throughout the week who shared favorite stories with students. In addition, Asa was honored for collecting over 7,000 books for the local Cops ‘n’ Kids Book Drive. Way to go, Pumas!

March brought the return of Pastries with a Pal, a beloved Asa tradition where students invite a special guest to enjoy a sweet treat together before school. It’s always a meaningful morning of smiles and connection. Special thanks to Weis, Starbucks, Two Men & A Bagel, and My Boys Baking for their generous support.

On 3/13, the Pumas glowed the night away at the annual Glow Party. It was a glowing good time filled with music, dancing, and school spirit! In March, Student Lighthouse also collected donations for the LV Humane Society, helping provide food, blankets, and supplies for animals in need.

The Spring Concert was another major highlight, with students across multiple grade levels showcasing their

talents. 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders performed beautifully vocally, while 4th & 5th grade instrumentalists impressed the audience. The 5th graders delivered a memorable final performance on the Asa stage before heading off to middle school.

Sharpen the Saw Day on 3/27 gave students and staff time to recharge their minds, bodies, and hearts through engaging, creative, and calming activities. A huge thank you to Mrs. Tshlis and Miss Garza for organizing such an amazing and restorative day.

Thanks to a donation from Patient First, the PTA hosted a private skating event at Skateaway Whitehall. Students enjoyed skating, games, snacks, and music, while some parents joined in on the rink as well. It was a wonderful evening of laughter and community outside of school.

While PSSAs may not be students’ favorite time of year, Spirit Week helped bring energy and positivity with fun dress-up days and activities that made testing week more enjoyable for everyone.

On 5/7, next year’s newest Pumas visited Asa Packer, met teachers, and explored their future school. They walked the hallways they will soon call home; we can’t wait to welcome them into the PUMA PRIDE!

May also brought Patio Party, Asa’s spring fundraiser, filled with games, inflatables, food trucks, face painting, a photo booth, and a parkour demo. It was a fantastic evening of fun and fundraising. Thank you to all sponsors and donors for making this event such a success.

End-of-year adventures included trips to the Lehigh Valley Zoo, IronPigs games, Harrisburg, and New York City, while younger students enjoyed in-school visits from the Da Vinci Science Center and Equi-librium, bringing hands-on learning experiences into the building.

Mr. Felt hosted Field Day, where students showed off athletic skills, played games, and enjoyed time outdoors with classmates. End-of-year parties were filled with fun, food, and laughter. Thank you to all classroom helpers who made these celebrations special.

Our 5th graders celebrated their final days as Pumas with a special party and participated in BASD’s Track & Field Event, where several students earned medals. We are so proud of you and will miss you dearly!

As summer begins, students look forward to vacations, camps, family time, friends, and well-earned relaxation before returning next year refreshed and ready to learn.

Have a GREAT SUMMER, and thank you for being such an important part of our school community! ■



Hanover Elementary School

It is hard to believe that the 2025-2026 school year is almost near its end! Our HAWKS have been very busy learning and celebrating all of their hard work this year!

The month of March was Read Across America month, where we celebrated our love of reading! PTA sponsored a visit from the Tucker & Zoey Book Series authors Christian Bensing and Timothy Feather. Various spirit days were also included during RAA, including PJ Day, Hanover Spirit Day, Flashlight Friday and a Wacky Wednesday Teacher Swap! We also had visits from exciting guest readers – Liberty’s Baseball and Volleyball Teams, and Atria Assisted Living! To top it all off, our students read over 38,600 minutes, which earned them a special Teacher Olympics assembly, filled with whipped cream and hula hoops!

Continuing on through the month of March, PTA held their annual Hanover Bingo Night & Talent Show! Families enjoyed an evening with prizes and awesome gift baskets. One lucky Hanover Family won Allegiant airline tickets to a destination of their choice! During intermission, students performed their hearts out on stage at the Hanover Talent Show!

First Grade also hosted their Penguin Presentation and celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with their honorary Green Luncheon!

Lastly, all students participated in weekly Mindful Monday sessions, where they learned calming strategies in order to clear their minds and get ready to learn!

April was also a very exciting month at Hanover! Students in grades 1, 3, and 5 participated in the annual Spring Concert, while 2nd grade students participated in the flute-ophone concert for parents and friends. Second grade visited Zoellner Arts Center for a Cinco De Mayo show while the Kellyn Foundation brought their Garden as a Classroom presentation to 3rd and 4th grades, teaching students how to eat and plant healthy foods.

Families enjoyed two very special Dine & Donate events held at Feasta Pizza and Pat’s Pizza. We rounded out the month of April with an Arbor Day tree planting, PSSA State Testing, and the completion of Knitting Club for the year! In addition, Hanover would like to give a HUGE shout out to Samuel Wisnoski and Aislynn Ayre for winning 1st Place in the Northampton County Bar Association Contest My Favorite Place in America, and to Evelyn Sun for winning a Gold Medal in the International Math Contest!

The month of May brought LOTS of end-of-year activities! Our FABULOUS PTA sponsored trips to Zoellner Arts Center, Burnside Plantation, Harrisburg Museum and State Capitol, and Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty trip! Our awesome kindergarten students presented their annual ABC Fashion Show! Student Council held community outreach events this month, including Philadelphia Pretzel Day and a letter



writing campaign of kindness to our friends at Atria Assisted Living. Fourth Grade Science Fair was held where students conduct scientific experiments and present their findings!

During May, we highlight how much our 5th graders have accomplished at Hanover! They participated in the Frank Broad Track Meet, played hard in the Teacher vs. Fifth Grade Kickball Game, and were honored in a graduation ceremony. Field Day & Picnic Day was a blast – a morning filled with outdoor activities followed by class picnics on the lawn!

Teachers displayed appreciation toward our Hanover Families by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Day by gifting a “sweet” token of gratitude! Speaking of appreciation, PTA knows how to celebrate our teachers! Teachers were fed, pampered, and appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week! Hanover truly has THE. BEST. PTA!

The Spring Festival was held on school grounds, featuring carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, ice cream, live music, and the RED ROBIN FOOD TRUCK!

Lastly, in the month of June, we celebrate our Hanover Seniors that are graduating from high school! We welcome them back for some food, sweet treats, photos, mingling and award our Hanover Scholarship recipients! We are so proud of you all!

As the school year comes to a close, we need to thank our awesome principal, Mr. Terry, our teachers, staff, PTA, and all of our Hanover families for all they do for our students and school community! We would also like to express our gratitude for Mrs. Giannaras and congratulate her on her retirement! She has been an integral part of the Hanover Community, setting high expectations and care for her students. Have a safe and fun-filled summer, Hawks! ■

Elected Officials News & Updates



State Senator Nick Miller

(14th Senatorial District, Lehigh and Northampton counties)


Hello Neighbor, 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. Whether you need help with state programs, want to share your thoughts on legislation, or learn about available resources, we invite you to stop by. Our team is available on the second Wednesday of every month from 9–11:30am. My office can also assist with Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications and help you determine whether you have any unclaimed property.

Since we last connected, several legislative efforts have moved forward. Senate Bill 980, which I co-sponsored with Senator Yaw to limit firefighting foam containing PFAS

“forever chemicals,” has passed the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee and now heads to the full Senate for consideration. Senate Bill 1090, the SAFECHAT Act, also passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support and now moves to the House. The bill would establish age-appropriate standards for chatbots used by minors, require safeguards against harmful content, and connect users to crisis resources when high-risk language is detected. I’m also introducing legislation to address reckless ATV and dirt bike activity, including those who flee law enforcement, to improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, and families.

As always, my office is here to assist you. Call us at 610-821-8468, text 610-801-1701, or visit PASenatorMiller.com for mobile office hours and additional resources. ■

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U.S. Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

(7th District of Pennsylvania)

As your representative in Congress, nothing is more important to me than making sure our communities have the resources they need to stay safe, grow, and succeed. That’s why my team

and I work every day to bring federal dollars back home and deliver real results for the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos. Through this year’s appropriations process, we secured over \$12 million for local projects across our region, along with tens of millions of dollars in additional programmatic funding to support jobs, public safety, and economic growth.

A priority has been supporting our first responders. We secured over \$1.6 million for a new firehouse in Alburts, replacing an aging building that can no longer support modern equipment and helping firefighters do their jobs safely and effectively. We also made investments in law enforcement and emergency services, including \$700,000 for Bethlehem Police Department upgrades, \$60,000 for the Carbon County Sheriff’s Office, and over \$2 million for a new Carbon County emergency radio system to improve communication during emergencies.

We also worked to support jobs and manufacturing right here in our region. The Lehigh Valley has a proud manufacturing tradition, including Mack Trucks, and through the appropriations process we secured \$47 million in programmatic funding for Mack Defense, supporting continued production and helping sustain high-skilled jobs locally.

In addition, we’re investing in projects that improve daily life for residents and support future growth. We secured \$2 million for improvements at Lehigh Valley International Airport, including new escalators and elevators to improve access and keep up with record passenger growth. We also supported projects that improve accessibility and transportation across our communities, including local bridge repairs and ADA-access improvements to ensure public spaces are accessible to everyone.

These investments reflect what I hear from people across our region: support for first responders and practical improvements that make a difference in everyday life. If you have questions, thoughts, or need assistance with a federal agency, my team is here to help. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to one of our district offices. ■

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**State Representative
Steve Samuelson**

(135th Legislative District)

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company was awarded a \$97,000 state grant in May for the purchase of new hydraulic rescue tools.

It was my pleasure to work together with State Senator Nick Miller to obtain this funding. This equipment purchase will improve public safety by enabling Fire Company personnel to perform critical operations during emergency responses. Hydraulic tools are essential for rapidly and safely removing victims who are trapped in vehicles during collisions, as well as in incidents involving industrial accidents, structural collapses, and other emergencies. A Jaws of Life tool increases the effectiveness of rescue efforts while minimizing further injury to victims and reducing risk to first responders. The grant was approved through the state’s Local Share Account program.

Senator Miller and I also partnered last year to secure state funding for new Fire Company radios, continuing our shared commitment to supporting Hanover Township’s first responders. Local Share Account grants distribute gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority to support public-interest projects across Pennsylvania.

Mark Your Calendars: My office will host a Community and Senior Fair on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 10am –

2pm at First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center Street in Bethlehem. The fair will feature community agencies, state and county offices, and local nonprofits sharing information about available programs and services. The event is free and open to all.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate: My office continues to assist eligible homeowners and renters with the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, which now includes an annual Cost of Living Adjustment. The current net income limit is \$48,110, with only half of Social Security income counted when determining eligibility. Residents over 65, widows and widowers over 50, and adults with disabilities may qualify. Call 610-867-3890 for assistance.

Hanover Township Office Hours: My staff and I are available at the Hanover Township Community Center on the third Thursday of each month from 8:30–10:30am. Upcoming dates are June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17.

My district office, located at 104 E. Broad Street in Bethlehem, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Call 610-867-3890 for more information.

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HTCC Mobile Office:
 3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA
 Third Thursday of every month, 8:30–10:30 am.



Prevent Lyme: Check for Ticks

By Rep. Joe Emrick (137th District)

Recent reports indicate emergency room visits for tick bites in Pennsylvania hit a 10-year high during the month of April, driven by early hot days during the spring and a snowy winter that boosted tick survival.

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

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

If bitten, an individual should monitor the area for

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



Lyme disease is caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted by the bite of a blacklegged tick or deer tick. If you pull a tick from yourself, a loved one or your pet, you may have it tested to determine if it carries Lyme or other tick-borne diseases.

For information about how to get a tick tested at the East Stroudsburg University Tick Lab, visit ticklab.org.

Information about Lyme disease symptoms, treatment and prevention can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s website, pa.gov/agencies/health.

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County Executive Tara M. Zrinski
and John Diacogiannis

Senior Award by NorCo Executive

Northampton County recognized 11 extraordinary individuals and one outstanding community group at the annual Outstanding Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Charles Chrin Community Center in Palmer Township. This annual celebration honors senior citizens whose leadership, service, and dedication have significantly elevated the Northampton County community.

“These individuals make a significant difference every day in our communities,” said County Executive Tara M. Zrinski. “Their efforts have reached every corner of this county – from mentoring young adults to cooking for dozens of people, from assisting Habitat for Humanity with homes to supporting the mental health of our community members.”

John Diacogiannis, former member of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors, where he served continuously until his retirement in December 2025 was honored. John has demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service, community leadership, and regional collaboration. During his tenure, he held key leadership roles, including Vice Chairman and multiple terms as Chairman. He helped to guide responsible development, fiscal stability, and long-term community planning.

Beyond Hanover Township, John served on the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission from 2001 to 2019, including as Vice Chairman. He also represented the township on both the Northampton County and Nazareth Area Councils of Government and contributed to public safety through his longstanding service on the Colonial Regional Police Commission.

Congratulations to the 2026 Outstanding Senior Award Honorees: ▪ Attorney William Agnew (Nazareth Borough) ▪ Mark Atwood (Lower Nazareth) ▪ Breaking Bread Kitchen Crusaders (Bangor) ▪ Frank Chisesi (Bethlehem Township) ▪ John Diacogiannis (Hanover Township) ▪ Donald Eckhart (Walnutport) ▪ Mary Richard Elterich (Bethlehem) ▪ Ellen Erdie (Bushkill Township) ▪ Reverend Keven Fetterhoff (Cherryville) ▪ Janice Frits (Easton) ▪ Mary Neher (Hellertown) ▪ Barbara Sandbrook (Nazareth)