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This September, Hanover Township will come together for a special community celebration honoring a historic milestone – the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

Join us on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 2:30pm to 7:00pm at First Responders Park, 4025 Airport Road, Allentown, PA, for an afternoon filled with live entertainment, great food, family fun, local vendors, a car show, and more. (Schedule on page 3.)

The **Jay Orrell Band (JOB)** will kick off the live entertainment on the Pavilion Stage, followed by the talented **Give & Take Jugglers**, who will entertain the crowd with juggling, comedy, tricks, and plenty of surprises. **Rock Steady**, featuring Hanover Township resident Ted Donatelli, will then take the Pavilion Stage to close out the live entertainment.

The fun continues in the **Inflatable Fun Zone**, featuring 11 different inflatables. From bounce houses and super slides to the Ultimate Obstacle Course, there will be plenty of opportunities to bounce, climb, race, and play.

When hunger strikes, head over to the

Food Trucks, for a variety of delicious dishes, sweet treats, coffee, drinks, and more. Then take some time to browse our **Vendor Area** and support local crafters, artisans, small businesses, and community organizations offering handmade goods, specialty items, and unique finds.

Car enthusiasts will want to visit the **Car Show**, take in the line-up of vehicles, and cast a vote for their favorite car. There will also be plenty of additional activities to enjoy throughout the afternoon, including games for the youth and families.

We will also be hosting a **Cornhole Tournament** and a **Slate Quot Tournament**, both which will have a cash prize for the winners.

One of the most meaningful moments of the day will be the **Veterans and Service Member Recognition**. Join us at the Pavilion



Supervisors' News & Updates

2027 Budget to Shift Focus from Capital Projects to Administrative Priorities

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

When the summer season edges to its close, we on the Board of Supervisors know that to signal the onset of budget season. While the laboring oars of this task are pulled by well-trained and experienced staff, the Board sets priorities and direction. The past several years those priorities have included numerous, overdue capital projects and investment in our community. Starting with the re-opening of the pool complex, the Township's Community Center and Municipal Park have been awash in construction projects that included the state-of-the-art pickleball courts, an amazing pump track and now the long-awaited new roof and HVAC system for the Community Center. The new Fieldhouse will be debuted during the 250th Celebration Event at First Responders Park. Long planned stormwater systems were installed in two of our community's most long-established neighborhoods.

Capital projects in the coming year will likely be smaller in scale. Now that the roof on the Community Center will be watertight, we will turn our attention to restoration of the interior. Ceiling tiles will be replaced in stages to make the space fresh and inviting. Grant money has been identified to install new bleachers in the gymnasium, making use of that space more versatile. Crosswalk improvements remain under study. The recreation and parks study, funded by a grant to the Township, is underway and will be completed in 2027. The budget will likely include some funds to address recommendations made to maximize use and accessibility of our park system.

We will be entering a period with a more administrative focus, with the most challenging task being the future direction, configuration and funding of fire and emergency services.

While the Board will continue to review and address the maintenance needs of our community's assets, the 2027 budget will not likely include sums for projects of the size and scale that we have seen over the past few years. Instead, we will be entering a period with a more administrative focus, with the most challenging task being the future direction, configuration and funding of fire and emergency services. Our community is presently served by a dedicated but dwindling number of volunteers. The Board has already authorized funding for a consultant to work with Township leadership and Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company leaders to guide the likely transition to a hybrid department, one that includes both paid personnel and volunteers. Other administrative tasks will include financial planning to assess future funding needs to ensure the success of such a hybrid fire department, as well as to address future maintenance needs of Township and community assets. Although such administrative endeavors are not as exciting as new capital projects, such long-term planning is essential to keep Hanover Township a great place to live, work and play. ■

America's 250th Birthday cont. from page 1



Stage at 5:00pm as we honor members of our community who have served our country and show our appreciation for their dedication and sacrifice.

Remember, America's 250th birthday is more than an anniversary — it is an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history, celebrate our community, and create new memories together.

Mark your calendar, bring your family and friends, and join Hanover Township as we celebrate this once-in-a-generation milestone together. ■

THANK YOU to our sponsors for their generous support of Hanover Township's America250 Celebration.

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HANOVER TOWNSHIP AMERICA250 CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events



Saturday,
September 26, 2026



2:30 PM –
7:00 PM



First Responders Park
4025 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA

★ ★ ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE ★ ★

2:30–4:00
PM



The Jay Orrell Band (JOB)
Pavilion Stage

4:10–5:00
PM



Give & Take Jugglers
Pavilion Stage

5:15–7:00
PM



Rock Steady
Pavilion Stage

★ HAPPENING ALL AFTERNOON ★



America250
Car Show

2:30–6:00 PM
Awards at 5:30 PM



Food Vendor Way

- BLR Kitchen by Bransen
- Carmichael Soul Food
- Chill on Wheels 2
- Geakers Tacos
- Hen & Haw Hot Chicken
- Kona Ice
- Roll With It



Craft & Vendor
Marketplace

Shop local businesses,
makers & crafters



Inflatable
Fun Zone
Family fun and
kid-friendly
activities



Cornhole
& Quoits
Games and
friendly
competition



Veterans
Recognition

Special recognition
of local veterans



Bring your own chair for
Pavilion Stage seating.



Follow Hanover Township
for event updates.



Stay Connected with Hanover Township



Staying informed about what's happening in Hanover Township has never been easier. Whether it's road closures, upcoming events, meeting schedules, or important announcements, the Township offers several convenient ways to keep residents in the loop.

1 Township Website Our website is the source for official information, including meeting agendas and minutes, permit information, department updates, and general Township news. Be sure to check back regularly for the latest updates. hanovertwp-nc.org

2 Township Facebook Page Follow the official Hanover Township Facebook page for posts on Township news, events, and announcements. It's a quick and easy way to stay in the loop from your phone or computer.

 **Hanover Township, Northampton County**

3 Community Center Facebook Page Looking for information on programs, classes, and events at the Community Center? The Community Center has its own dedicated Facebook page separate from the Township's main page, so be sure to follow it for the latest happenings there.

 **Hanover Township Community Center**

4 Constant Contact Emails Want updates delivered right to your inbox? Sign up for our Constant Contact email list to receive Township news, alerts, and event reminders directly. Registration is quick and free — visit the Township website to sign up today.

hanovertwp-nc.org/resources/email-news/

By following these outlets, residents can stay up to date on everything happening in Hanover Township. We encourage everyone to connect with us through one – *or all* – of these channels! ■



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Tree Tips for Fall

Shade Tree Advisory Board

Prune a Tree!

Fall is the perfect time to prune a tree. Trees and shrubs that line your street and sidewalk need occasional attention to keep them from interfering with cars, trucks, and pedestrians. The Township ordinance specifies that all street trees be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance height where they overhang walkways is eight feet. The branches of your trees should be at least 15 feet above the street to allow vehicles to drive by without being damaged.

It's also recommended that you prune shrubs or other plants near the street or sidewalk so that pedestrians have plenty of room to walk along without branches interfering. A good rule of thumb is that you should be able to walk along the street edge without branches touching you when your arm is outstretched at your side or above your head.

This type of pruning along your street or sidewalk is typically easy to do yourself, especially to maintain the eight-foot height and side clearance. Taller trees that overhang the street and require a 15-foot clearance height are best handled by a certified arborist. Penn State Extension has excellent resources for pruning guidelines (See Resources on page 5)



Tree Tips for Fall cont. from page 4

Plant a Tree!

Fall is the very best time to plant a new tree. The roots have a chance to settle in and develop during the cooler autumn days, and the tree will be all ready to grow when spring days arrive. After yet another hot, dry summer, we can hope that rains will come in September through December, followed by snow cover through the winter months.

Trees in our neighborhoods have such a positive impact. The trees that line our residential streets provide shade, making getting outside for a walk much more pleasant, since the temperature in the shade is several degrees lower than in the hot sun. The sun heats any unshaded, exposed pavement – shade trees help mitigate this heat. Dog owners can attest to the importance of having shaded walking areas for themselves and for their pets. Walkers getting their exercise will appreciate this shade, too!

If you will be planting a tree along your street, be sure to consult the Approved Street Tree List (see Resources below).

This list applies to trees that will be planted along the street, within the township right-of-way. The trees are categorized by height, depending on whether overhead wires are present. If you have any questions about the species of the tree you are considering, members of the Shade Tree Board are happy to help. Please contact the Zoning Office with any questions. You can also consult a local arborist for advice. Remember to use the Approved Shade Tree List as a guide.

Be aware that rainfall helps a newly planted tree – and trees that were planted in the last two years – make the transition from being at the tree nursery into becoming a healthy and happy tree in your neighborhood.

Rainfall is never sufficient for a newly planted tree to survive!

A good plan is to give the tree three to five gallons of water once a week for its first two years.

This will get the roots established and form the needed foundation for future growth.

A good guide is to test the soil moisture about a foot away from the trunk. If the soil feels damp a couple inches below the surface, it is probably fine. If it's dry, give it a couple gallons of water. Checking this once a week will be the difference between a tree that thrives and a tree that may not survive.



Permit Reminder

If your street tree dies or is diseased, you need to replace it. Get a permit from the Township Office and replace it with a tree from the Approved Street Tree List (see Resources). It is prohibited to remove a healthy street tree. ■

Resources

Penn State Extension Pruning Guidelines:

<https://extension.psu.edu/making-the-cut-it-matters-when-pruning-trees>

Approved Street Tree List:

<https://hanovertwp-nc.org/media/2784/approved-shade-tree-list-with-sidewalks-resolution-2024-029.pdf>



From the Zoning Office

By Tracy Luisser, BCO/Zoning Officer

A reminder to township residents and business owners that trees that overhang sidewalks and township roads are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

Trees and Shrubs Over Sidewalks

Please make sure that any branches from trees that overhang the sidewalks are eight feet above the sidewalk. Shrubs should also not overhang sidewalks, please trim any branches or shrubs that overhang. The full width of the sidewalk should be free and clear.



Trees Over Roads

Please make sure that branches of trees that overhang township roads are 15 feet above the road. ■

Fall Leaf Collection: Helping Keep Hanover Township Clean This Autumn

By Martin Limpar

As the leaves begin to change color and fall, Hanover Township's Public Works Department is preparing for another busy season of leaf collection.

Each fall, Township crews work throughout the community to collect leaves from residential streets and help keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. Because the amount of leaves (and the timing of when they fall) can vary from year to year, collection is a seasonal effort that requires coordination, patience and cooperation from everyone.

How Leaf Collection Works

Hanover Township is divided into three collection zones: **North, Middle and South**. Once collection begins, crews generally work through each zone approximately once a week before moving through the zones again. However, weather conditions, the volume of leaves and other Public Works responsibilities can affect the schedule.

Residents should place leaves **curbside in windrows** to make collection as efficient as possible. Keeping leaves together and accessible allows the Township's leaf-

collection equipment to work more quickly and helps crews serve more residents.

Please remember that crews may not reach every property each week. Public Works will continue working through all three zones before restarting the cycle.

At the conclusion of leaf season, Public Works will transition its leaf-collection equipment in preparation for winter snow operations. Residents are encouraged to make sure their leaves are placed at the curb in time for the final collection.

Fall is one of the busiest times of year for our Public Works crews, and their work helps keep Hanover Township's neighborhoods looking their best while preparing our roads and public spaces for the winter months.

Thank you to all Hanover Township residents for your cooperation and patience, and a special thank-you to our Public Works employees for their hard work throughout the fall season!

For the most current information about leaf collection, visit the Hanovertwp-nc.org or contact the Township at 610-866-1140. ■



A Few Important Reminders

To help our crews collect leaves safely and efficiently:

- > Please place leaves curbside in windrows.
- > Keep leaves as free as possible from rocks, branches and other debris that could damage collection equipment.
- > Please keep vehicles away from leaf piles whenever possible.
- > Be patient if collection takes longer than expected. Weather and the volume of leaves can significantly affect the schedule.
- > Continue to monitor Township communications for updates regarding the collection schedule and the final collection of the season.

Know Before You Pour: Our Storm Drains Lead Straight to Local Creeks

Storm drains carry rainwater directly to local creeks and waterways. Please help protect our waterways by keeping oil, paint, yard waste, pet waste, litter, soap, and chemicals out of storm drains.

When rain falls on our streets, driveways, and parking lots, it must go somewhere. In our Township much of that water flows into storm drains and then directly into local creeks and waterways. Unlike wastewater from sinks and toilets, stormwater is not treated before it reaches our waterways. Whatever goes down a storm drain can reach a creek untreated, sometimes within minutes.

Many residents assume storm drains connect to a wastewater treatment plant, similar to household plumbing. They aren't. Storm drains are part of a separate system designed to move rainwater away from roads and properties to help prevent flooding. Anything that enters these drains – whether it is oil, paint, yard waste, pet waste, litter, soap, or chemicals – can flow directly into the creeks that support local fish and wildlife and are important to our community's water resources.

Pollutants entering our waterways can harm fish and aquatic wildlife, reduce water quality, affect recreational

Know Before You Pour cont. from page 6

activities and drinking water sources, contribute to algae growth and low oxygen levels, and clog waterways with trash and debris.

Because of this, storm drains should never be used as a place to dispose of unwanted materials. Motor oil, antifreeze, and other automotive fluids; paint and household chemicals; grass clippings and leaves; pet waste; litter; and soapy water from washing cars can all find their way into our waterways once they enter a storm drain. If you would not pour it directly into a creek, do not pour it into a storm drain – because that may be exactly where it ends up.

If you notice a storm drain that is blocked or damaged, please contact the Township Public Works Department so the issue can be addressed before the next heavy rain. And simply sharing this information with neighbors can go a long way, since many people do not realize that storm drains can provide a direct path to our local creeks. Thank you for



doing your part to keep our storm drains clear, our waterways clean, and our community beautiful. ■

Shaping a Bright Future for Our Township's Parks and Recreation!

By Environmental Planning & Design

A lot has changed in 20 years, wouldn't you agree? As a recap from the Summer newsletter, the Township is underway with updating its 2007 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and is looking for new ideas and opportunities.

The plan aims to identify key community needs, establish priorities for potential funding opportunities, and provide a clear roadmap for future decision-making and investment. There will be opportunities over the coming months to provide input for the study and shape the guiding vision that will drive the Township into the next decade. Keep an eye on the project page for the excitement ahead!

The first opportunity to get involved is the Community Survey. It is now live and will be collecting responses until October 18th. The survey is designed to gather feedback on what residents would like to see improved, retained, or re-

imagined as the planning process moves forward. The survey covers a wide range of topics – services, amenities, and facilities – to ensure that all aspects of the community are considered. Your input will help inform the committee so they can ensure the plan reflects the priorities and values of the people who know the Township best – its residents. We look forward to your comments and thoughts. No email or contact information is required to complete the survey. We will hold a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card for those who complete the survey and opt in to the drawing by providing an email.

As the planning process continues, another piece of public involvement will be Community Meetings. The first one is expected to be scheduled for mid-November – please keep an eye out for that date! This meeting will focus on presenting and discussing the survey results and emerging trends, helping to align the plan with residents' interests and priorities. The Township would appreciate your engagement in the process, including attending the upcoming meetings. Looking forward to our upcoming discussions! ■

Your Input and Feedback will Help Strengthen the Plan and Ensure that it is Responsive to the Community and Its Aspirations!



The Survey is now live and will help establish focus areas to refine priorities and shape strategies for the Township's future. It would be of great value if you'd take a few minutes to fill out the brief survey.



Fill the survey here!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q57V5NS>



Keep up with the project here!
<https://arcg.is/1Wu5Tz3>



Standing Behind Those Who Wear the Badge

By John N. Diacogiannis – Foundation President

SUPPORTING SAFETY ▪ STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

We are committed to building a strong, positive partnership between our police department and the community we proudly serve.

WHO WE ARE

The Colonial Regional Police Foundation is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the Colonial Regional Police Department and to helping ensure our municipalities remain among the safest in the region. Together, we're building a safer, stronger, and more connected region.

OUR MISSION

The Colonial Regional Police Foundation strengthens police-community relations, supports crime prevention efforts, and enhances public safety by funding critical needs that receive limited municipal resources.

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

- > Equipment that improves officer and community safety
- > Training that prepares officers for evolving challenges
- > Technology that increases efficiency and responsiveness
- > Programs that foster trust, engagement, and collaboration

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY

Your generosity directly strengthens the safety and well-being of our community. Every contribution makes a meaningful difference. ■



Contributions can be made securely online by using the QR code to the right (<https://www.clover.com/pay-widgets/e07e38b3-f52b-4738-9469-2272198768f0>), or by check, mailed to the Colonial Regional Police Foundation, 248 Brodhead Road Suite 1, Bethlehem, PA 18017



The Colonial Regional Police Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID: 84-2785268. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS.

Support Studio 11 at BAPL's 11Fest

Join the Bethlehem Area Public Library for 11Fest on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, a special fundraising concert supporting Studio 11, the library's recording studio.

11Fest brings the community together for an evening of live and local music while helping sustain one of BAPL's most unique resources.

Studio 11 provides library visitors with access to a professional recording space for music, podcasts, voiceovers, and other audio projects. The studio gives students and experienced creators alike the opportunity to develop their skills and bring their ideas to life.

Proceeds from 11Fest help support Studio 11 and its mission of making recording technology accessible to the community. Whether you're attending to enjoy the music, support the arts, or learn more about the recording studio, your participation helps ensure this valuable library resource continues to serve creators of all ages.

Visit bapl.org for event details and to learn more about Studio 11 and the many resources available through the Bethlehem Area Public Library.



Hanover Township Community Center



Dante Terenzio
Recreation Director

A Summer of Fun Concludes – An Eventful Fall in Store!

What a fun summer!

All summer talk must start with the pool. Our pool manager Ben Carlin and his staff brought in a lot of excitement and energy this season, and it did not go unnoticed. Whether it was weekly trivia, cornhole tournaments, spike ball, or Carlin's band – Slamb – performing for our pool members, it's safe to say a good time was had by all.

In addition to the Slamb concert, the recreation department hosted numerous events including two Dip N Dances™, the 5th Annual HTCC Golf Tournament, inaugural HTCC Disc Golf Tournament, and National Night Out.

We capped off the summer with a wiffleball home run derby inside the pool facility. A total of 58 children were on hand and put their baseball offensive skills to the test. We crowned five champions, all of whom won a Blitzball set.

Our Kids Summer Camp enjoyed pool time, swim instruction, along with dozens of other activities. We continue to see our numbers grow each summer as we averaged more than 55 campers in each of the 10 weeks. Shoutout to our counselors who provided a fun atmosphere for our campers throughout the summer!

The Hanover Stingrays swim team added to their long list of historical accomplishments with another solid 2026 season. Well over 100 Stingrays contributed to a runner-up finish in the Suburban Conference. Congratulations to the team and coaches!

On the programming side, HTCC pickleball and tennis clinics continue to thrive, as does our martial arts program. Our numbers are still high with open pickleball and volleyball. And, of course, our senior fitness programming continue to produce massive numbers.

We also welcome back several youth athletic clubs who will be utilizing our fields and courts throughout the fall and winter. One of those organizations, Bethlehem Soccer Club, is excited to open up the new concession stand during its games at First Responders Park. The concessions is part of the newly built pavilion at FRP, which also includes three bathrooms. ■

**First Responders
Park Pavilion**



Contact the HTCC at (610) 317-8701 or visit hanovercommunitycenter.com to reserve the pavilion.

Thank You to HTCC's Special Event Sponsors!



Hanover Township Community Center**HTCC Fall Programming**

Please visit hanovercommunitycenter.com for more information or to register for Recreation classes. Members of HTCC can register for all fitness classes at the front desk of the Community Center or by calling our front desk at 610-317-8701.  Be sure to check the HTCC Facebook page for updates on programming.

RECREATION

- Youth and Adult Martial Arts
- Junior Tennis Clinic • Toddler Time
- Open Pickleball
- Indoor & Outdoor Pickleball Clinics
- Open 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 (games begin at 1pm)

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

SUMMER of 2026 Photo Dump!

Jackson and Leithan are victorious in the first cornhole tournament of the summer



"The Chickies" showed off their Harry Potter knowledge and won trivia on this beautiful summer day



Nick Tapler wins the high school aged home run derby at the pool on August 13



Chris Carullo, Scott Walters and company were crowned champions of the 5th Annual HTCC Golf Tournament on July 11



Greg Thomas, Kenny Greb, Ryan Miller, and Tom Dowd finished runner-up in the 5th Annual HTCC Golf Tournament on July 11



Frank Tetil, Steve Gergar, Bob Santo, and Glen Adelsberger won the senior division of the 5th Annual HTCC Golf Tournament on July 11

Hanover Township Community Center



SUMMER of 2026 continued



Dunk-A-Cop at National Night Out on August 4



K9 and drone demonstration at National Night Out on August 4



Pool-goers at National Night Out on August 4

EVENTS Remaining in 2026: Mark your calendars!

Saturday, September 26 from 2:30–7pm
Saturday, October 3 from 2–5pm
Saturday, November 14 from 9am–1pm
Friday, December 4 from 6–8pm
Saturday, December 5 from 9–10:30am

America250 Celebration
Fall Fest
Turkey Bowl (Flag Football)
Tree Lighting
Breakfast with Santa



Lisa Outcalt
HTCC Preschool
Director

HTCC Preschool News

Happy Fall from HTCC Preschool, we hope Hanover Township community had a safe and happy summer and start to the new academic year. In the 2026–27 year, HTCC Preschool are excited to meet new friends and welcome back returning students.

It is our fifth academic year with the current preschool team, and it is always lovely to see past students come into the community center to visit, or to meet and enroll younger siblings, which reinforces what a special community we have in Hanover Township.

As the weather starts to change, our preschoolers will look forward to going on nature walks and enjoying the wonderful township playground, and learning with hands-on exploration about nature, animals, the weather, math, and literacy.

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 inquiries, please reach out to
Preschool Director, Lisa Outcalt via email at:
PreschoolDirector@hanovertwp-cc.org ■

BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Highlights

Chamber Music Lehigh Valley | Oct 10

Young artists from the renowned Marlboro Summer Music Festival perform beautiful classical music live at BAPL.

Author Events This Fall

Oct 7 *Winterset Hollow* author Jonathan Edward Durham

Oct 17 *Remission Quest: A Medical Sociologist Navigates Cancer* author Dr. Virginia Adams O'Commell

Nov 4 BAPL's Diverse Voices Book Group welcomes local author Ruth Knafo Setton, whose second novel, *ZigZag Girl*, was published this year. A murder mystery set in the world of magicians and illusionists, *ZigZag Girl* was a finalist for a 2026 International Thriller Writer's Award and a first prize winner in the Daphne du Maurier Awards for Mystery.



Wednesday, November 11th

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Recurring Programs

- Author Events
- Book Clubs
- Community Tech Time
- Crafting & Fiber Arts
- ESL Classes
- Memoir Writing
- Open Mic Nights
- Qigong & Meditation
- Storytimes
- Teen Advisory Board
- Yoga
- Youth Programs



Scan the QR code for our online calendar or visit bapl.org for event details and program registration.



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 Sts.
Fountain Hill, PA 18015

Bookmobile

Check the schedule
@ bapl.org

School News & Updates

Hanover Elementary School

Welcome Back to our High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks! We kicked off the school year in August with our annual “Little Hawks Night” for all incoming Kindergarteners. Students and families were able to tour the school, meet their classmates and the incredible staff and teachers! This event was then followed by Hanover’s Back-To-School Ice Cream Social, provided by our amazing PTA! Students were given sweet treats, made friendship bracelets, got tattoos, and mingled with teachers and friends!

What a way to begin the new year!

The first day of school was filled with equal amounts of excitement and energy! Students were welcomed back to school by a fabulous “Welcome Back Hawks” yard sign on the lawn and a school-wide assembly! Our fabulous principal, Mr. Terry brought the school together to express excitement and joy as we celebrate new beginnings.

We also celebrated the opening of school with our annual Open House Event in early September. Parents were able to visit classrooms and mingle with staff during a fun night of information and socialization. In late September, Hanover celebrated International Peace Day with our annual Hanover Peace Day Celebration! Students painted “peace rocks” and added them to the Hanover Peace Garden. This is a day where students think about what “peace” means to them, and how we can all contribute to a peaceful existence, at school and beyond. Next up is the PTA’s largest fundraiser – Hawk Walk! Students and families walk, jog, or run in order to raise money for field trips, assemblies, and more!



The month of October begins with American Education Week, where we welcome parents and families to take a peek into their students’ classrooms. The Scholastic Book Fair also comes to Hanover! This is where students can purchase excellent books to enhance their learning. Additionally, Great Persons’ Day brings loved ones into our classrooms for some fun-filled, educational activities!

Get ready to wear orange for Unity Day! Hanover students will learn about anti-bullying and kindness through various classroom activities. October will bring us Harvest Day, where students will participate in holiday craft-making, photo booth snapshots, pumpkin decorating, classroom parties, and the annual Hanover hayride! Afterwards, the students will parade through the surrounding neighborhood to show off their costumes and holiday spirit!

Don’t forget to stop by Hanover on Election Day on November 3rd! Our fantastic PTA hosts an Election Day Bake Sale which is OUT OF THIS WORLD! You will not want to miss the wide assortment of baked goods, cakes, cookies, snacks, and hot lunch items. Be sure to stop by and support our school! November also brings one of our most cherished school events- Veterans Day. We are so very proud and honored to host our local Veterans from our community each year. Veterans are honored with special presentations by the Hanover students and staff, and are even treated to the iconic sounds of the Liberty High School Pipes & Drums and Brass Ensemble!

December is a month of winter celebrations! We kick off the holiday season with a PTA sponsored Secret Santa Shop! The gym is transformed into a mini department store where students can choose, wrap and tag items to gift their loved ones this holiday season! We also partner with Northampton County Children, Youth & Families to wrap presents for our

local families in need. We are able to provide over 100 children with gifts, which is something we truly are proud to do. We finish up the year with our annual vocal & instrumental music concerts, led by Mr. Reilly & Mrs. Rhode. Hanover is such a joyous place to be during the holiday season!

We would again like to give a shout out to our principal, Mr. Terry, for all of his dedication and positivity to kick off the new school year! In addition, our school PTA deserves a HUGE thank you for all they do for our students, teachers, and staff. Lastly, our Hanover teachers and staff make our school the best that it can be! Thank you for your endless dedication to making Hanover the best place for children to learn and grow! ■

Asa Packer Elementary School

Asa Packer Pumas Are Back! Summer flew by, and the Pumas are back and ready for a roaring year!

Before the school year began, the BASD Summer Program was filled with lots of Asa students basking in the sun and making wonderful memories. The kids enjoyed weekly trips to the Bethlehem Museum of Industrial History, LV Parkour Academy, and Friendship Park's Splash Pad. They also enjoyed special visits from The Pirate Experience, Cops N' Kids, and Foam Parties. Our Asa students even had the opportunity to make new friends from elementary schools throughout BASD.

Asa Packer's Class of 2032, our newest Kindergarten students, got a sneak peek of their new school on August 22nd. They visited their new classrooms, met their teachers, and made new friends.

While parents and guardians spoke with the teachers, our School Counselor read to the children in the library. The fun continued with coloring, games, and popsicles in the gym!

Our Pumas bounced back into school with a roar on August 24th! Students were excited to return, meet their new teachers and classmates, and begin another great year at Asa Packer. They were greeted with a Welcome Back sign and lots of smiling faces.

Our Kindergarteners were also gifted new Asa Packer T-shirts from the PTA to show off on the first Puma Pride Day of the year. Asa students love showing off their Blue & White Pride!

Families showed up at the school on August 26th for Open House/Meet the Teachers Night. Parents and guardians had the opportunity to meet with teachers and specialists to learn about all the new and exciting things their children will be learning this school year.



Families were also able to meet with PTA board members and hear about all the exciting events and activities the PTA has planned for the year. Cub Scout and Girl Scout leaders were on hand as well, passing out information and recruiting new members to join in on all the fun and excitement that Scouts has to offer.

Asa Packer is honored to announce that the school earned its Lighthouse Certification at the end of the 2025–26 school year! Asa Packer is now part of this prestigious program, an achievement earned by the entire school community through strong outcomes in teaching leadership, creating an empowering school culture, and aligning academic systems.

Asa students will continue to be nurtured in personal leadership, responsibility, and important life skills. The school celebrated this distinguished honor with an assembly on August 31st, followed by an afternoon treat sponsored by the PTA from Kona Ice on September 4th.

The school year may have only just begun, but the staff and PTA are already busy planning an exciting year filled with assemblies, fundraisers, parties, field trips, family events, and much, much more!

We can't wait to share ALL about it in the next issue of the Hanoverview Newsletter. Thank you for reading, and we hope you continue to support our school. Have a fun and safe fall! ■



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SATURDAY, December 12

Santa will be coming once again to Hanover Township! He and his elves will be spreading some holiday cheer and handing out candy canes and apples along the way. Santa and his elves will also graciously accept your donations to help us continue to help you when you need us most.

Remember, we are a volunteer organization, and your support is needed to help keep our Fire Company running and our emergency services available to our community.

Thank you for supporting your Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company! ■

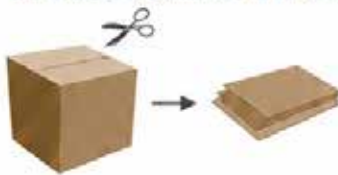
Curbside Container Placement Guide

HELP US TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE



This guide illustrates the proper and improper placement of your curbside containers and offers tips to help with the curbside collection of materials.

CARDBOARD HANDLING

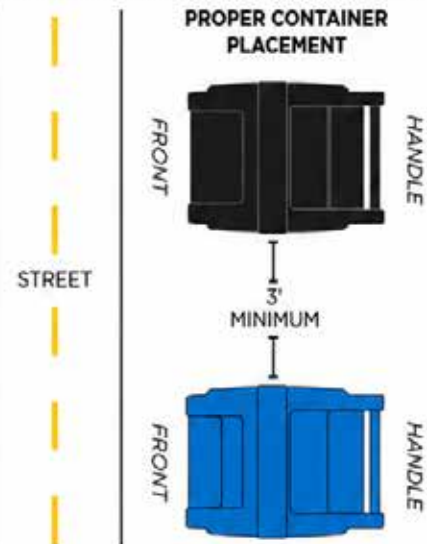


Please breakdown all cardboard so it fits into the cart with the lid closed. Cut oversized material into 2' x 2' squares.



CONTAINER DO'S

- Keep containers on a hard, level surface clear of snow and other landscaping debris and no more than 6' from edge of curb.
- Please allow containers a 3' perimeter of clearance from obstructions such as parked cars, trees, mailboxes and utility poles. There must also be a 15' over head clearance from any low hanging tree branches or power lines, etc.
- If you have more than one cart placed at the curb, please set them side by side as indicated in the illustration with at least 3' of clearance between the containers. Do not block sidewalk.
- Please call 610-936-9967 for any questions



CONTAINER DON'TS



Containers must remain upright for pickup



Keep all materials inside the container



Do not place containers back to back



Keep container clear of all obstructions



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EMS CORNER

By Karen Peters, EMS Director

EMS CALL STATISTICS

Medical Emergencies1,779
 Motor Vehicle Accidents116
 Fire Support62

Total calls through July..... 1,957



Fall Prevention Tips for Seniors

Wear Proper Footwear

- ▶ Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes with non-slip soles
- ▶ Avoid walking in socks or loose-fitting slippers
- ▶ Stay active
- ▶ Exercise regularly to improve strength, balance, and flexibility
- ▶ Walking, chair exercises, tai chi, or gentle stretching can help reduce your risk of falling

Improve Lighting

- ▶ Keep your home well-lit
- ▶ Use nightlights in bedrooms, hallways, and bathrooms
- ▶ Turn on lights before walking into a room
- ▶ Remove tripping hazards
- ▶ Keep walkways free of clutter
- ▶ Remove loose rugs or secure them with non-slip backing
- ▶ Keep electrical cords out of walking paths

Make the Bathroom Safer

- ▶ Install grab bars near the toilet and in the shower
- ▶ Use a non-slip bath mat
- ▶ Consider using a shower chair if needed

Use Handrails

- ▶ Always use handrails when going up or down stairs
- ▶ Install railings on both sides of stairways if possible



Keep Your Vision and Hearing Checked

- ▶ Have regular eye and hearing exams
- ▶ Update eyeglass prescriptions as needed

Review Your Medications

- ▶ Some medications can cause dizziness or drowsiness
- ▶ Talk with your healthcare provider or pharmacist about possible side effects

Take Your Time

- ▶ Stand up slowly after sitting or lying down
- ▶ Pause for a few seconds before walking if you feel lightheaded.

Use Assistive Devices

- ▶ If your healthcare provider recommends a cane or walker, use it every time you walk

Know When to Call for Help. Seek medical attention if you:

- ▶ Fall and hit your head
- ▶ Have severe pain after a fall
- ▶ Cannot get up after falling.
- ▶ Notice frequent dizziness or repeated falls

Remember: Most falls are preventable. Taking a few simple steps today can help you stay safe, independent, and active. If you've experienced a fall or are concerned about your balance, talk with your healthcare provider about a fall risk assessment and ways to reduce your risk. ■

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. ■



Breast Cancer Awareness Month: A Personal Message

By Jean Versteeg, Township Supervisor



Every October, communities across the country pause to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month – and this year, that recognition is personal for me. Last December I was diagnosed with breast cancer, and I know firsthand how important early detection, good medical care, and the support of neighbors and community can be during a health journey like this one.

I share this not to dwell on the details, but because I believe that when public officials are open about their own experiences, it can encourage others in our community to take their own health seriously – to schedule that screening they've been putting off, to check in on a friend or family member who's going through treatment, or simply to feel less alone if they're facing a diagnosis themselves.

Why Screening Matters

Breast cancer remains one of the most common cancers affecting women, but it is also one of the most treatable when caught early. Most major medical organizations now recommend that women at average risk begin regular mammograms at age 40, with many recommending annual screening from that point forward. If you have a family history or other risk factors, talk with your doctor about whether earlier or more frequent screening makes sense for you. A few reminders as you think about your own health this fall:

- > **Know your body.** Regular self-awareness of how your breasts normally look and feel makes it easier to notice changes.
- > **Don't skip your mammogram.** Early detection continues to be one of the most powerful tools we have against this disease.
- > **Talk to your doctor.** Family history, dense breast tissue, and other individual factors can affect the right screening schedule for you.



> **Support others.** A ride to an appointment, a meal delivered after treatment, or simply checking in can mean more than you know.

Community Support

Hanover Township is proud to be a community that looks out for one another. If you or someone you love is navigating a breast cancer diagnosis, know that there are resources available, including support groups, patient navigators through local hospital systems, and organizations such as the American Cancer Society (1-800-227-2345) and local chapters that can help with everything from transportation to treatment to emotional support.

This October, I encourage all Hanover Township residents – especially the women in our community – to take a moment for their own health. Schedule that appointment. Check in on a neighbor. Wear pink if you'd like. And know that behind every awareness ribbon is a real story, a real family, and a real community that cares.

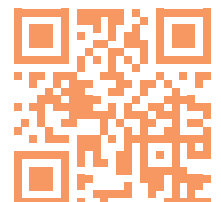
Thank you for letting me share a piece of my story. ■

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 exploring how you can help serve your community, 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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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 residents through our monthly mobile office hours at the Hanover

Township Community Center. Whether you need help with a state program, want to share your thoughts on legislation, or want to learn more about available resources, stop by the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30am

This year, I've worked with Representative Samuelson to secure more than \$390,000 in state funding for Hanover Township's volunteer firefighters. In February, we presented a \$292,581 Local Share Account grant to purchase 44 Motorola APX all-band radios, ensuring firefighters can communicate seamlessly with Northampton County's upgraded emergency response system. In May, we announced an additional \$97,743 LSA grant to purchase state-of-the-art "Jaws of Life" rescue equipment. These investments give our first responders the tools they need to respond faster, perform critical extrications, and keep both residents and emergency personnel safe.



My office also recently hosted two events focused on protecting residents from fraud and identity theft. Our free Shredding Event helped residents safely dispose of sensitive documents, and our educational seminar "Spot the Scam" offered practical tips for recognizing scams and protecting personal information. If you missed these events, stay tuned for more opportunities from our office.

As always, my office is here to serve you. Call us at 610-821-8468, text 610-801-1701, or visit us during mobile office hours. I look forward to continuing to work with you to make Hanover Township an even stronger community. ■

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State Representative Joe Emrick (137th District)

I am honored to be your voice in Harrisburg and wanted to take this opportunity to share updates about two important issues on which we have been working in the state Capitol: providing critical financial relief to

Pennsylvania families and addressing the rapid growth of data center development in our region.

Largest Tax Cut in PA History Advanced

At a time when people need financial relief the most, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted in June for the largest tax cut in Pennsylvania history. The bill would eliminate the nearly 7% gross receipts tax on utility bills and cut taxes by \$1.7 billion to make life more affordable for Pennsylvanians.

This affordability measure would immediately put more money in the pockets of hardworking families. The bill now awaits action by the state Senate.

Data Center Moratorium Passes PA House

Given the rapid growth of data centers and their impact on our residents and communities, I've proposed and continue to fight for a two-year statewide moratorium on their development. Recently the House of Representatives passed House Bill 2496, which would allow a municipality to impose a six-month moratorium.

House Bill 2496 would give communities more time to evaluate the potential effects of data centers. It received near-unanimous approval in the House in June and now awaits action in the state Senate. At this time, I believe a moratorium is more than appropriate.

My staff and I are dedicated to assisting our community to the best of our abilities. If you have any questions, need assistance or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are always here to help and look forward to serving you! ■

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State Representative Steve Samuelson

(135th Legislative District)

State Budget Includes Investments in Education

I was proud to support the 2026-27 State Budget, which passed in July and included historic investments in education. The budget included the third installment of Adequacy and Equity funding to address a 2023 Commonwealth Court decision which ruled that Pennsylvania was significantly underfunding school districts across the state.

Bethlehem Area School District is considered one of the more underfunded districts with regard to state funding. With passage of the state budget, BASD will receive increases of \$402,142 in Basic Education, \$222,315 in Special Education, and \$4,521,452 in Ready to Learn funds which are targeted to address Adequacy and Equity in state education funding.

The budget includes no increase in state taxes. Some provisions of the budget are increased resources for public safety, an expansion of the recruitment and retention program for child care workers, additional Career and Technical education funding, and increases for mental health services. The budget also continues a number of tax cuts that have been enacted in recent years, including an expanded child and dependent care tax credit, a student loan interest deduction, the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit which

benefited 876,000 people in its first year, and expanded eligibility for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate program.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate: Throughout the year, my office helps eligible homeowners and renters apply for the Property Tax / Rent Rebate (PTRR). The net income limit for the PTRR program is now \$48,110 for homeowners and renters. Only half of Social Security income along with 100 percent of other income is included when calculating eligibility. The program is open to people over 65, widows and widowers over 50, and people with disabilities (SSD and SSI recipients) over 18. Call my office at 610-867-3890 for more information.

Hanover Township Office Hours: My staff and I hold community office hours at Hanover Township Community Center on the third Thursday of every month from 8:30 to 10:30am. Stop by to find out about state programs and benefits, discuss legislative issues, apply for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate, or get a SEPTA Key Card to ride regional rail lines for free if you are over 65. Our upcoming dates at the community center are September 17, October 15, and November 19. My district office at 104 E. Broad Street, Bethlehem, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Call us anytime at 610-867-3890. ■

District Office: 104 East Broad Street, Bethlehem
 ■ 610-867-3890 ■ Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm
 ■ pahouse.com/Samuelson/

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

CRPD Says Goodbye to Chief DePalma & Welcomes Chief Wendling



Chief James DePalma retired from the Colonial Regional Police Department on September 11, 2026. He has been a police officer for 39 years starting his career with the Nazareth Borough Police Department in 1997. Prior to Nazareth he served in the Army as a military police officer from 1994 to 1997. He joined the Colonial Regional Police Department when it was formed in 1995. He rose through the ranks and was appointed by the Colonial Regional Police Commission as Chief in 2021.

At the April Commission meeting the Commission appointed Lieutenant Darrin Wendling to succeed Chief DePalma upon his retirement. Lt. Wendling has also been with Colonial Regional since its inception in 1995. Prior to that he served four years in the Marine Corp and then he too began his police career with the Nazareth Borough Police Department before coming to Colonial Regional.

We wish Chief DePalma good luck in the next phase of his life, and we also wish Lieutenant Wendling luck as he starts his tenure as the leader of the Department. ■

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SATURDAY
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We're excited to open the Township's Pump Track to residents and riders from around the area for a chance to see how fast they can get around the course.

We'll offer an Expert Line, which includes the track's jump line, and Line A, which uses only the rollers and banked turns. We will also use the short circle track for beginners and strider riders.

The challenge: How quickly can you get around the track without pedaling? Riders may take a couple of pedal strokes to drop into the track, but once you cross the start timing line, no more pedaling is allowed.

For complete rules and additional information, please visit our website:

<https://hanovertwp-nc.org/information/hanover-rip-the-rollers-pump-track-time-trial/>

This event will be held the morning of Saturday, October 3, plan to start practice at 8:00am

