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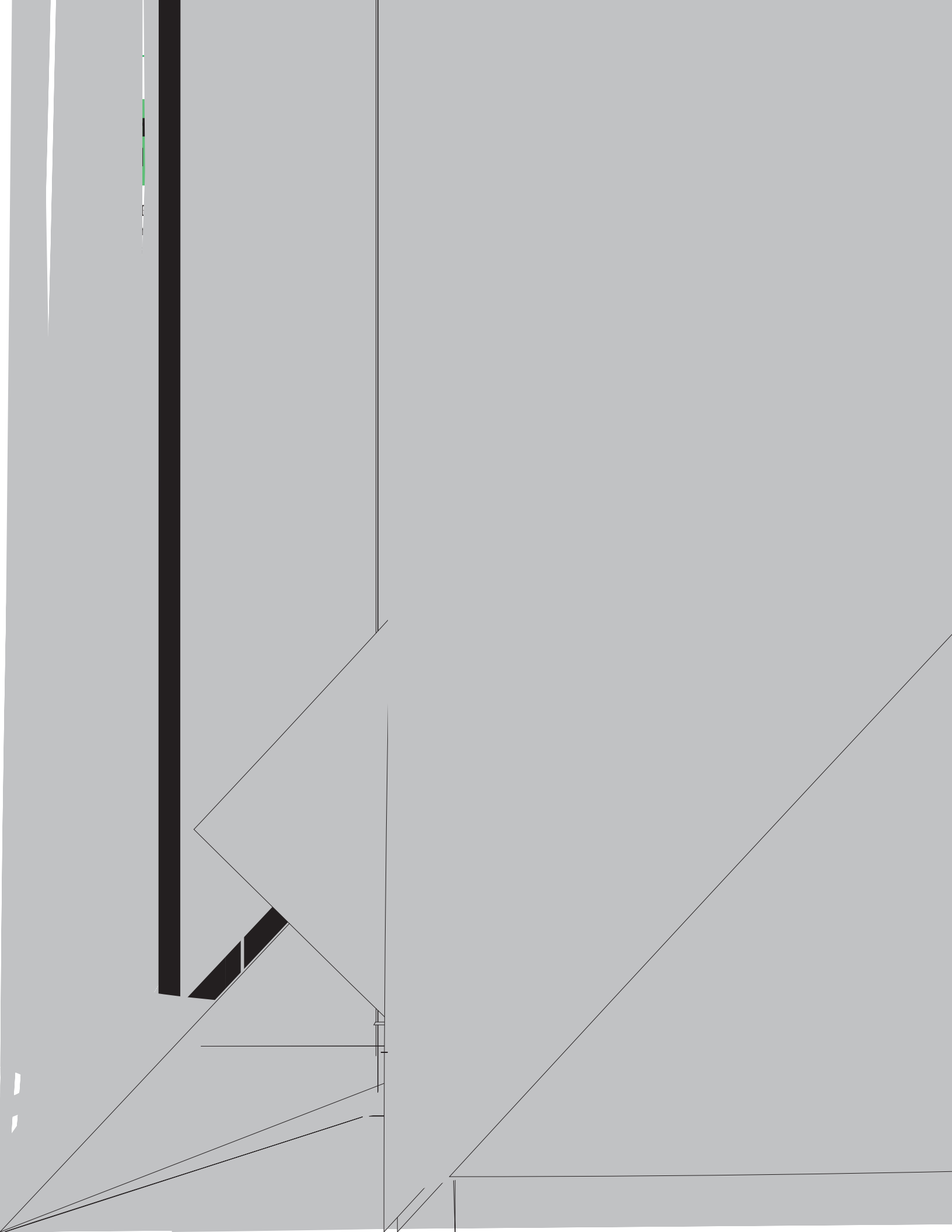


Jacksonville / Macada Road Improvements



Work has begun on the Jacksonville Road / Macada Road Improvements and is progressing according to schedule. Included in the improvements are road widening, improved site distances and a traffic signal. The Township appreciates everyone's cooperation during the construction period. Please be aware as you use the detour routes that pedestrians on these streets are not used to the increased vehicular traffic.

The Colonial Regional Police are providing assistance during construction. Unfortunately, vandals have stolen some of their traffic cones and safety flags. Anyone with information concerning these missing items is encouraged to contact the police at 610.837.4557.



Household Hazardous Waste: How Should It Be Managed?

1. The best method of managing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is to prevent its generation in the first place. This involves selecting the least toxic item "to do the job" and buying only the minimum amounts necessary. Buying in large quantities is not a bargain if half of it has to be discarded.
2. If the material is still useable (i.e. has not been damaged/shelf life expired, etc.) check with friends and neighbors to see if they might be able to use it. Check with community groups such as Little League, Habitat for Humanity, etc. to see if they can use the product.
3. If the material is not useable and/or if such "outlets" are not available, it should be taken to your community's **HHW Collection Program**. Such programs will ensure that your HHW is recycled or, otherwise, managed, in an environmentally preferable way, under the hazardous waste provisions of the law.
 - ✓ If you have *used oil*, take it to a *used oil collection site*.
 - ✓ Spent lead acid batteries can be returned to sellers. In Pennsylvania, dealers are required to take old batteries when new ones are purchased. Spent lead acid batteries may not be discarded in landfills.
 - ✓ Note - Used oil and intact lead acid batteries from households are not considered to be hazardous wastes in Pennsylvania. However, they are frequently generated in households and are thus often grouped in the household hazardous waste category. They are also frequently included in HHW collection programs.
4. If your community does not have a collection program or you must discard the materials prior to the next scheduled event, you may legally discard them in your regular trash pick up, provided:
 - ✓ You have read the label and complied with any disposal directions.
 - ✓ Liquids have either been allowed to evaporate (if water based) or absorbed (if non-water based) on some material such as vermiculite, cat litter, or sawdust, so that there are no freestanding liquids).
 - ✓ The remaining residue has been packaged to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to the disposal facility
 - ✓ The material is placed out in small quantities, over several collection periods.

For questions on specific disposal issues, contact a waste management chemist in your **DEP Regional Offices**. You can get additional information by contacting the PA HHW hotline at 1-800-346-4242

From the Public Works Director

PET OWNERS:

1. Dogs are not allowed in Township Parks or on Township Property.
2. Dogs shall be under owner's control at all times in the Township.
3. Please clean up after your animals.
4. All dogs shall be licensed with the County. (Forms available at Municipal Building or on the Township web site www.hanovertwp-nc.org.)
5. Cat owners! Please be aware that as a cat owner **YOU** are responsible to keep your animal on your property.

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please **DO NOT** put material out for pickup before 6:00 P.M. Monday night.

Please keep all trash cans behind the curb and **NOT** in the street.

All garbage shall be stored in containers with lids for pick-up.

Please remove all yard sales signs and attachments at the end of the sale day from your property. Signs should not be placed on Township Property or poles owned by utilities.

Property owners who live on corner properties should also be aware that you should not plant anything in the "Clear Site Triangle".

Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a **liability** to you.

Blowing Trash...

While the Township currently does not have an ordinance that mandates when trash can be placed out for pick-up, we've had the long standing tradition of requesting residents to place their trash curb-side no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to pick-up. Please also be cognizant of windy conditions and secure your trash so that it does not blow onto adjoining property owners property.



RECYCLABLES:

- Aluminum & Tin cans
- Glass jars & bottles (clear, Brown & green)
- Plastic bottles & Jugs Soda bottles, (green & clear), Milk & Water, others- detergent, lotion, shampoo etc. Most products labeled PETE # 1 or HDPE # 2 are acceptable.
- Empty aerosol cans. Empty through normal use. Remove lids unless attached.
- Poly coated containers Milk & Juice cartons rinse and flatten.
- Newspapers with colored or glossy inserts should be tied or placed in a brown paper bag.
- Junk Mail bundle with newspapers.
- Magazines tied or bundled separately.
- Corrugated (cardboard boxes) break down and tie in separate flat bundles no larger than 2' x 3' x 1' high

All recycling information available online including

BETHLEHEM COMPOST DROP-OFF CENTER

Schoenersville Rd. & Eaton Avenue

HOURS: Monday & Friday 9 AM – 3 PM

Tues., Wed., Thurs. – CLOSED

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Closed December 1st through March 1st and ALL LEGAL HOLIDAYS

ACCEPTED MATERIAL

Leaves - loose or in brown paper bags.
 Small Brush - up to 4" diameter no longer than 6 feet.
 Hedge Trimmings, garden plant residue.
 Christmas tree's free of ornaments and tinsel.
 Christmas Tree's may be put in compost bunkers outside the gates. NO PLASTIC BAGS

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

Grass Clippings

COMPOST CENTER TIPS:

- ❖ Finished compost, as available, is offered FREE to the public (both residents and non - residents in bunkers outside the gate.
- ❖ Do not leave material outside the gates.
- ❖ Plastic bags used to transport materials shall be taken home.
- ❖ Recycle your grass by using a mulching mower or by cutting your lawn frequently and leaving the grass on the lawn. This does not contribute to thatch and provides an excellent lawn fertilizer.

Miller-Keystone Blood Center has announced a variety of summer promotions for its blood donors, including:

- Anyone registering to donate between May 1 and Sept. 4 will be entered into a raffle for a free 5-month or 5,000 mile lease on a 2007 Saturn Ion (tax and tags included, must be 21 and provide valid drivers license and insurance)
- Anyone registering to donate between June 1 and July 4 will be entered into a raffle for a free \$100 gas gift card
- Anyone registering to donate between July 5 and Sept. 4 will be entered into a raffle for a free \$2,000 travel voucher (double-occupancy, non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash).

"The summer months are traditionally a difficult time

for blood centers across the nation," explains Kelly Jones, Director of Donor Resources, "as combined increased family vacations, travel and summer holiday activity, combined with accidents and seasonal illnesses, leads to a significant decline in blood donations."

"But while our donors may take a vacation, accidents and illness do not," she continues. "Our regional hospitals require over 350 units of blood every day to treat accident victims, surgery patients, burn victims and cancer patients, and it is only the blood on our shelves that can save lives."

To schedule an appointment at any of MKBC's donor centers, including Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton or Wind Gap, call 610-691-5850.



Hanover Township

Recreation News

Middle School 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Basketball Programs this summer:

Traci Cyr's Girl's Basketball Camp @ HTCC

Mon. through Thurs. – July 31st to August 3rd Girls 9-17 yrs.

Summer Co-ed Basketball League: 9 to 12 yrs.

This indoor recreation league will start June 19th and run 8 weeks through the summer!

For more information on these or other programs at HTCC call 610-317-8704 ! **Register early so you don't miss out this summer. Or go to our website at:**

www.hanoverwp-nc.org



Hanover Soccer Academy

Hanover Soccer Academy Parent information night: May 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Learn more about this new program being lead by Hanover Township Residents Dean Koski and Alex Sahaydak.

This innovative soccer program will offer a focus on fun instruction for our youth on Saturday mornings. Two six week sessions will be offered at HTCC.

HTCC held it's first Middle School Basketball tournament on Friday, March 10th! Play began at 7 pm and continued with three hours of fierce competition. Eleven teams competed for prizes.

Winners for the evening were:

1st place team-Brian Cahill, Branden Sewall and Kedeem Pantzey

2nd place team-Marcus Wheaton, Zuran Hughs and Jashaad Gaddy

3rd place team-Joey Shupp, Carlos Barata and Thomas Dartouzos

Congratulations to all of the players for a fun and successful evening at HTCC!



Dates to Remember:

Community Bingo 6/1/06
7/6/06
8/3/06

Pool Opens 6/3/06

Woman's 5K walk/run 6/17/06

Park & Rec begins 6/12/06

Community on the Move starts! 6/17/06

Dip & Dances at the pool! 6/29/06
7/21/06
8/10/06

TGIF summer style! 6/30/06
7/28/06
8/25/06

Why the 5th Grade Party??

- Introduce the incoming 6th graders to each other!
- Celebrate the end of elementary school!
- Build social confidence

Parents are welcome to chaperone and participate. Music provided by DH Productions.

May 12, 2006

Tickets: \$10

Pizza, DJ, Drinks, Dessert Bar

Fall Program:

Boys and Girls 5-9 yrs. old

**Fee: \$45 members
\$49 non-members**

Two Sessions:

Saturdays from 9-10 am

I. Sept. 16th-Oct. 21st

II. Nov. 4th-Dec. 16th (off 11/25)

Register today!

CPR Classes

The following Red Cross classes will be offered this summer at HTCC.

Red Cross Certified Instructor Marilyn Wetmore will be instructing.

Register at HTCC. Fee includes your Book, Skill Card, and Instruction.



CPR Classes
Red Cross Certification

Adult CPR with child and infant review:

\$45.00 June 7th from 5:30 pm to 10 pm.

Community First Aid:
\$35.00 July 19th from 6-10 pm

Community First Aid:
\$35.00 August 9th from 1-5 pm

For Youth Health

Bethlehem Health Bureau presents:
Colonoscopy and your health! May 30th @ 7:00 pm **FREE**

Safety Bingo- @ the pool! August 16th. @ 2:00 pm **FREE**

Woman's 5K Walk/Run-June 17th @ 9:00 am Registration \$10/\$12 after June 1st.

New for the fall....

Social programming:

Red Hats Club - Stitch & Chat -
Oldies Dances - Card Club - Book Club
and more!

Red Cross Swimming Lessons Hanover Pool

Check the schedule on the website at www.hanovertwp-nc.org

Middle School-Greaser Dance!

Fold your jeans, roll your sleeves, and get ready to dance!

Game room and gym will be open for the evening of fun.

Tickets: \$5.00

7- 9:30 pm on Friday, May 26th

"Celebrate the end of the year with an old fashion juke box dance party!" Prizes for the best dress Greaser!

Music "Camp"

Afraid your musician will get the blues this summer? Don't let them!

HTCC offers this unique opportunity to personalize your child's summer music program. 6 no stress lessons - prepare for the transition to high school or middle school band, strengthen musical skills, technique, rhythm comprehension and tone quality!

Instructor Tim Eick-High School Band Director and Master of Music Education will work with your child individually.

\$120 for 6 lessons

Call HTCC to maximize your child's summer experience with music!

Dance Camp for 3 to 5 yr. olds!

Co-ed dance for the little ones! This fun week of camp will introduce your preschooler to the love of dance. Beginning ballet, tap, hip hop, jazz and more!

Instructor: Jen McTigue. Jen danced professionally in New York and looks forward

ward to sharing her love of dance with the children.

June 26th-29th

Time: 3-5:30 pm/snack & drink included

Fee: \$72 members/\$82 non-members

Communities on the Move - Let's do it again!

"Walk Around the World"

Register as of May 1, 2006 - 610-402-CARE

Walk Around the World...Without Leaving Home! Last year, hundreds of local families walked to the Fiji Islands to support their local recreation departments. Hanover Township walked the furthest winning the grand prize offered to our residents. The prize was used to purchase incentive bracelets for those who are working towards a healthier lifestyle. This year, LVH and HTCC is challenging you to walk even farther—all the way around the world! We hope to duplicate our success from last year. **The first 25 people who sign up from each participating township will also receive a free pedometer!** To register your whole family, call 610-402-CARE today! Registrations will begin on May 1, 2006!

Sponsored by: Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network



Walk Around the World
with Lehigh Valley Hospital!

2006 Pool Memberships

Resident Rates

Family	\$93	HTCC Members	\$74
Adult	\$70	HTCC Members	\$56
Senior Citizen	\$35	HTCC Members	\$28
Youth	\$40	HTCC Members	\$32

Non-Resident Rates

Family	\$233	HTCC Members	\$187
Adult	\$127	HTCC Members	\$102
Senior Citizen	\$90	HTCC Members	\$72
Youth	\$95	HTCC Members	\$76



Opening Day– June 3rd! Who will be the first one down the new slide?? Pick up your raffle ticket at HTCC....maybe it will be you!

(Senior Citizen, 65 or older, Hanover Township residents only-one time lifetime pool membership of \$50)

- Family includes 2 adults and dependent children 21 and under living in the same household. Two adults can be both parents, or one parent and one grandparent. Any unusual circumstances will be at the discretion of the Recreation Director and requests must be received in writing. Please use the application and include all family members so passes can be made. Passes are picked up at HTCC.

POOL OPENS – June 3, 2006 @ 11:00 am – Slide opens at NOON (raffles for the first person down the slide will be sold for 50 cents at htcc and the pool up till 11:45 am on June 3rd)

Hours are 12 noon- 7 p.m. daily. During the month of July hours will be 12 noon-8 p.m. (Hours are permitting due to the weather or as posted)

Pool Phone number is 610-868-3202 (Please note it is NOT listed)

Closing Day is Sunday, August 27th. The pool will be open **Labor Day Weekend**, September 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

Please forward completed season pass registration to the **HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

Proof of Residency MUST be shown to get resident rates. A valid ID, utility bill, moving in permit issued by Hanover Township, etc. If you are mailing in the application, please include your proof of residency or it will not be accepted. To get a resident rate you **MUST** live in Hanover Township, Northampton County. (Photocopies will be accepted)

Prepaid pool passes will be distributed and signed for at the HTCC building.

Season pass applications **WILL NOT** be accepted at the pool Refunds will not be issued after application is received **Passes are non-transferable.**

Cheer Camp

Date: July 10-14 / ages 5-7
August 7-11 / ages 8-12
Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Where: HTCC & Hanover Pool

Cheerleaders will increase their cheering skills, learn a routine, build self-confidence, tumbling skills, and more during this fun program.

Pack a lunch or purchase one at the con-

cession, cheering from 10-12 and then pool activities from 12 to 2 pm. All participants will be pool tested on the first day! T-shirt will be given to all participants!

Fees: \$79 members/ \$89 non-members

Bring a bathing suit and towel!



Focus on safety for stunting!

- Cheers
- Stunts
- Basic tumbling
- Jumps

Family Name _____ Address _____
Adult First Last

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Participant	Description of Membership** Program*	DOB	M/F	Fee (\$)

*Registrations are on a first come first serve basis. This form may be used to purchase pool passes, attach proof of residency.

**Please list all family members and birth dates for membership purposes.

Total Due: _____

Method of Payment

CK# _____ (circle) VISA MASTERCARD

Cardholders Name _____

Acct. Number _____ Amount of Payment _____

Expiration Date on Card _____

Authorized Signature _____

a. I waive, release, and discharge Hanover Township, and any employees, supervisors, representatives or agents of Hanover Township, from any and all claims or liabilities for death, personal injury, property damage, theft or damages of any kind, arising out of or relating to my activities at, or may travel to and from HTCC. b. I agree not to sue Hanover Township or any employees, supervisors, representatives or agents of Hanover Township from any claims made assessed against them as a result of my association with the Hanover Township Community Center and/or my participation in its programs and activities.

Walk in registrations: M-F 6am-10pm/Sat 7am-6pm or Sun. 1pm-6pm

Mail to: HTCC

3660 Jacksonville Rd.

Bethlehem, PA 18017

Or Fax: 610-317-8704

Signature: _____

Eagle Scout Gallagher

James J. Gallagher, a member of Boy Scout Troop 352, was honored at an August 14, 2005 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle Scout Ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.



James began scouting as a Bob Cat Scout in September of 1994. As a Cub Scout he received the Parvuli Dei Award and the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouting.

Through the years, James has held leadership positions for his troop such as Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. He completed requirements for 24 merit badges. He was awarded the Ad Altare Dei Award by Bishop Cullen.

James is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, "Scouting's National Honor Society."

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project, James organized a neighborhood collection for local shelters. In November of 2004, James and his fellow scouts distributed over 2000 flyers to homes in Hanover Township, Northampton County. The flyer asked for donations of men's coats for the Allentown Rescue Mission, hats, gloves and scarves for Victory House of Bethlehem, and new cleaning products and baby supplies for the 3rd Street Alliance for Women and Children in Easton. The next weekend James, the scouts and their parents collected and organized 149 men's coats, 82 hats gloves and scarves, and 246 cleaning and baby products. In addition hundreds of coats and clothing items were also donated. Additional items were donated to the South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center and the Ecumenical Kitchen in Allentown.

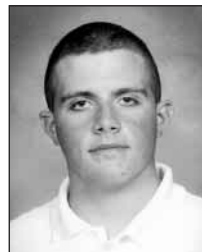
A freshman at Syracuse University, James wants to pursue a major in Communications and currently has a radio show on Saturday mornings on the College AM radio station, WERW. A graduate of Bethlehem Catholic High School, he was a Saxophone player and section leader in the Golden Hawks Marching Band, and a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in 3 school musicals and played the role of Bill Sykes in "Oliver!" in 2004.

James attends Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church, where he was an Altar Server, participated in Youth Group and was a Retreat Team Leader in 2005.

James is the son of James and Frances Gallagher.

Eagle Scout Thorley

Michael James Thorley, a member of Boy Scout Troop 352, was honored at a March 18, 2006 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle Scout Ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.



For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project, Mike performed cosmetic renovations to four rooms at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Elementary School – the Faculty Room, Resource Teachers' Room and two Faculty Bathrooms. He and his volunteers'

stripped wallpaper, moved furniture, replaced old sockets, mirrors paper towel holders and cabinets, textured walls, painted, boxed exposed electrical wires, shampooed rugs and rearranged furniture.

During scouting Mike has received the Arrow of Light (2000), Order of the Arrow (2003, Ad Altare Dei (2003) and the Piux X (2004). Through the years, Michael has held leadership positions for his troop such as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader

A student at Bethlehem Catholic, Michael has been a member of the following organizations and clubs: Bethlehem catholic Marching/Concert Band; Bethlehem Catholic Jazz Band; Bethlehem Catholic Soccer Team; Bethlehem Catholic Key Club; Bethlehem Catholic Chess Club; Bethlehem Catholic Stage Crew; Notre Dame of Bethlehem Youth Group and the Hanover Township Stingrays.

Michael is currently works part-time at Traditions of Hanover and is the son of Daniel and Maureen Thorley.

From the Shade Tree Advisory Commission

SPRING IS HERE – PLANT A TREE

(Tree lists are available at the Township Office or online)

NEW PARK TREES:

In February, 51 new trees were planted in Crawford Park (mostly around the new parking lot) and in Municipal Park (mostly in the northwest corner). More trees are planned for our other parks.

TOPPING:

In the April PPL mailing there was a very informative article called "Don't give trees a bad haircut". It cited the dangers and harmful results of topping trees. We have had several articles in previous *Hanoverviews* about this practice. Do not hire a contractor who would agree to perform this tree butchery. Nothing good ever results from topping a tree. The PPL article cited a helpful website at www.patrees.org. Check it out before you disfigure your trees. And remember, it's illegal to top a tree in the Township right-of-way.

REMINDERS:

- If a tree in the Right-of-Way along the street or in a planting easement dies, you must replace the tree. First get a Shade Tree Permit and the Approved Tree List from the Township Office or on-line.
- You may not remove a live tree in the Right-of-Way without permission from the Shade Tree Advisory Commission. Call the Township Office for information.
- Mulch trees to conserve water and protect the bark from lawnmowers and weed whackers.
- If we have drought conditions in the summer, deeply water newly planted trees once a week.

Hanover Township Community Fair

Jacksonville Road • **SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 12:00 PM**

FUN for KIDS of ALL AGES!!!

- ★ Kiddie Carnival Rides and Carnival Games



- ★ Moon Bounce, Inflatable Slides and More...

- ★ MedEvac Helicopter -provided by Lehigh Valley Hospital – Muhlenburg - will make a special landing so the kids can take a peek inside

- ★ Crafters

- ★ Clowns and Face Painters

- ★ Food sponsored by Pizza Village IV



BILL WOULD MESH PACE AND MEDICARE DRUG PROGRAMS

A Column by Senator Pat Browne - 16th Senatorial District

November 25, 2003 was a landmark day for Pennsylvania’s older residents and for senior citizens across the nation.

On that day, the state Senate passed and sent to the Governor legislation providing for a dramatic expansion of Pennsylvania’s PACE and PACENET programs. Meanwhile, also on November 25, Congress passed the Medicare Modernization Act, which included the national prescription drug assistance program that evolved into Medicare Part D.

Individually, these were significant actions, but together, they show that Pennsylvania and the nation recognized the impact that rising prescription drug costs are having on families. Family budgets, especially those with fixed-incomes, simply were not keeping up with the increased costs.

Since then, these two important programs have followed separate paths and many senior citizens have questions about the benefits that they are eligible to receive. Concern and confusion have risen to such a point among our older residents that I now include a discussion of the interrelation of PACE and Medicare Part D as part of my senior citizen expos.

However, a recently introduced bill may help cut the confusion while improving the benefits available to Pennsylvania’s senior citizens. Senate Bill 1188 would restructure PACE and PACENET so that they work seamlessly with the federal Medicare prescription drug program.

If enacted, this legislation will:

- authorize the Commonwealth to assist PACE/PACENET recipients in signing up for the most appropriate Medicare prescription drug plan;
- assist PACE/PACENET recipients in identifying if they are eligible for the Medicare low-income subsidy;
- pay Part D premiums for PACE enrollees;
- eliminate the PACENET deductible;
- provide coverage for Part D co-payments in excess of the current PACE/PACENET amount;
- create real-time online coordination of benefits between PACE and appropriate Medicare plans so enrollees in PACE/PACENET and Medicare continue to fill their prescriptions at pharmacies without additional cost, delay or paperwork;
- some costs shift to the federal program that have typically been incurred by the state program.

I believe this legislation will not only benefit the Commonwealth by meshing these two important prescription drug programs, but will also reduce the level of confusion that is out there and thereby provide peace of mind to our older residents.

I assure you the General Assembly recognizes the need to protect our older residents. It is well documented that more than 2.4 million Pennsylvanians are 60 or over. That’s nearly 20 percent of our state’s total population.

We, as Pennsylvania lawmakers, recognize that we have a special responsibility to make sure our state’s older residents have access to the best health care available, at an affordable price. Bringing the PACE and Medicare Part D programs into line is a great step in that direction.



Hanover Township Pride Banners

Due to overwhelming request, Hanover Township is again running the Hanover Banner Campaign. Banners are approximately 36 inches wide and 60 inches tall. They are burgundy or navy blue with white lettering. Each banner is personalized with your family or business name. Banners will be on display for two years. Please call 610-866-1140 for more information.

Hanover Township Banner Removal

Residents who purchased banners during the Hanover Banner Campaign in 2003 - 2004 are reminded that the banners will be removed at the end of May. If you would like to extend your sponsorship and retain your banner at its current location, please call 610-866-1140. All removed banners will be available at the township building for 3 months.



ASA Packer School News

It's Spring! As everyone's thoughts turn to baseball and enjoying the great outdoors, we are still hard at work at Asa Packer. Our third, fourth and fifth graders just finished taking the PSSA. Now we are busy completing the course requirements and gearing up for the district assessments. But it's not all work and no play. We have loads of exciting activities planned for the remainder of the school year. Students at various grade levels will be visiting the Burnside Plantation, Hawk Mountain, the Allentown Art Museum, the DaVinci Center, the State Capitol and the Moravian Museum. Our fifth graders will be participating in the district track meet on May 3. We wish them lots of luck! Many of our instrumentalists will take part in the district sponsored Elementary All-City Band and Orchestra Concert which will be held on May 11 at Northeast Middle School. It's a great event which you are welcome to attend. On May 12, we will celebrate the arts by participating in Arts Day. Over 22 artists will demonstrate their crafts for and with the students. Students in grades 1-5 will be going to the Pennsylvania Youth Theatre to see a live presentation of Peter Pan. We'll all enjoy hearing our Asa Packer chorus, band and orchestra when they perform in May. Some of our talented fourth and fifth graders will be presenting a special musical program for students and parents. We'll have a visit from Steve Swinburne, a famous author. Many students have participated in a Science Club this year. They will have a Science Share night in May. Dr. DeLeo, from Lehigh University, will dazzle the students with his science experiments in June. On June 2 we'll flex our athletic muscles as we participate in our Field Day. Finally, on June 6, we'll celebrate the accomplishments of our students and say farewell to our fifth graders at our Awards Assembly. They are a great group of students and we're all very proud of them. We wish them all the best as they move on to their next venture in middle school.

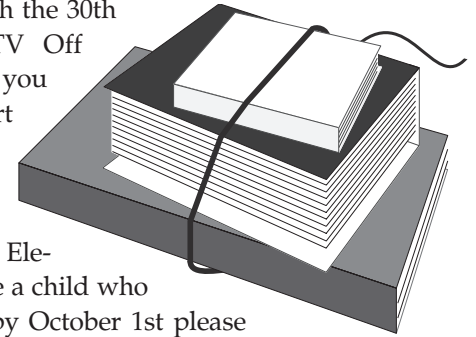
Our PTO has been busy. On April 9 they sponsored a Basket Bingo event. It was well attended and fun for all. Lots of lucky winners took home beautiful baskets filled with all sorts of goodies. A "Festival on the Patio" will be held afterschool on May 19. There will be lots of food and fun activities for all ages. Everyone is invited, so plan on joining us for a fun-filled evening.

Hanover School News

Spring is a busy time of year at Hanover. We had our annual Science Day on April 7th. Students in all grades participated in a fun day of hands on learning and discovering the fun of science. Our student council collected nonperishable food items for the Northeast Ministry.

April 24th through the 30th was "Turn Your TV Off Week". We hope you joined us in support of this great idea!

Kindergarten registration was held May 1st at Hanover Elementary. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by October 1st please call Mrs. Danyi at 610-691-3210 to schedule an appointment.



Mark your calendars - June 2, 2006, 4:30 to 8 PM - for the Hanover Farewell Festival (previously known as the Spring Festival). Exciting changes are underway for making this a great event. There will be lots of new, fun-filled games as well as some of the wonderful activities your children enjoyed from past years.

Thank you for the community support all year and Happy Spring from the staff, students and parents at Hanover Elementary School!

Community Service Hours

High schools students wishing to complete Community Service Hours here in the township may contact Margaret Giordano at 610-866-1140.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Special Events Committee is eager to welcome new volunteers to share their time and talents and assist in the planning and organization of community events such as the Halloween Parade, Tree Lighting, and Family Fun Day. For more information, please contact Margaret Giordano, Community Relations Director, at 610-866-1140.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TOWNSHIP

www.hanovertwp-nc.org

Efforts to Protect Children Move Forward

A Column by Representative Criag A. Dally - 138th Legislative District

To help protect children, the House has passed legislation I sponsored that would set a mandatory minimum prison sentence of at least 25 years for a person who commits a second offense as set forth under Pennsylvania's Megan's Law.

Following Florida's enactment of Jessica's Law in 2005, I believe that we should significantly increase penalties for convicted sex offenders, and to specifically hold accountable those persons who knowingly harbor such offenders from law enforcement. The law's name comes from Jessica Lunsford, the 9-year-old girl who was raped and murdered by convicted sex offender John Couey while he was on parole.

Pennsylvania's Megan's Law requires the state police to create and maintain a registry of persons who have either been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty to, or adjudicated delinquent of certain sex offenses.

Unlike the Florida law, where the provision establishing a mandatory 25-year minimum upon a first conviction and mandatory life upon a second conviction is untested and may be problematic for prosecutors, judges and juries to implement. I believed that a law is needed that is more workable and is resistant to a challenge.

For a three-time offender, a mandatory life sentence will

be imposed. A court will be prohibited from imposing any lesser sentence than those contained in the bill, but may impose one which is greater. The bill also establishes a new third-degree felony specifically for persons who intentionally assist a sex offender in eluding law enforcement by harboring or concealing the offender or assisting another person to do so as well as withholding information, providing false information or failing to notify law enforcement of a sex offender's noncompliance with parole requirements.

The bill, which is part of the Republican Playbook for Progress, is supported by the Pennsylvania State Police. It passed 195-2 and now goes to the Senate for consideration. Pennsylvania has taken a bold approach to protecting all citizens especially children from sexual predators. During the past eight years the Attorney General has operated a very successful task force on child sexual exploitation.

The Sexual Offenders Assessment Board is an independent board of psychiatrists, psychologists, and criminal justice experts appointed by the governor to assess all sex offenders convicted under Megan's Law.

In Northampton County there have been 45 assessments by the board from July 2000 to February, 2006. The Pennsylvania Megan's Law Sex Offender Registry is now online at www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us.

Chairman John Diacogiannis, Supervisors Stephen Salvesen & John Nagle, Secretary – Treasurer Stacy Milo, Township Manager Jay Finnigan, Public Works Director Kevin Healy and Road Superintendent Vince Milite attended the 84th Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors April 23-26 at the Hershey Lodge.

Close to 5,000 township officials, exhibitors and guests participated in the four-day event.

The purpose of the annual convention is to provide township officials with information to help them better serve their constituents and to give them an opportunity to exchange ideas on important local government issues.

Heading the list of notables who spoke at the convention were U.S. Senator Rick Santorum; Gov. Edward G. Rendell; Attorney General Tom Corbett; Michael Cochran, president of the National Association of Towns and Townships; Allen

Biehler, secretary of the state Department of Transportation; James Creedon, secretary of the state Department of General Services; Kathleen McGinty, secretary of the state Department of Environmental Protection; Dennis Yablonsky, secretary of the state Department of Community & Economic development; and Fred Redding, executive director of the Governor's Center for Local Government Services.

During the convention's business session, delegates adopted resolutions establishing the official policy of the state association. These resolutions will serve as guidelines for the association in pursuing legislation and regulations favorable to townships.

Pennsylvania's 1,456 township's of the second class represent more than one-third of the state's population and make up the largest of the four types of municipal government in commonwealth.

**Township
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Attend
Annual State
Convention**

Hanover Township Preschool Accredited By NAEYC Joins National Movement to Improve Early Childhood Education

Hanover Township Preschool has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children—the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Susan Lavelle, Preschool Director of Hanover Township Preschool at the Hanover Township Community Center. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best in early childhood education and experiences. We believe that every child at Hanover Township Preschool is unique and ready to learn, therefore, the goal of our extraordinary teachers is to nurture those qualities to support a lifetime of eager, enthusiastic learners. Our small class sizes offer a structured, supportive and caring environment that prepares children to be well-adjusted socially, emotionally, and cognitively with their peers.”

The Hanover Township Preschool was started in 1998 as a result of a vision of two township residents, Susan Lavelle and Cathy Heimsoth who approached the Board of Supervisors with their idea. The program has grown since its inception and customarily fills up immediately and consistently has a waiting list. Susan has been with the program since its inception and Cathy was appointed Recreation Director in 2000.

More than 11,000 early childhood programs—serving over one million young children—are currently accredited by

NAEYC. “In recent years, we’ve seen a growing number of child care and preschool programs earning NAEYC Accreditation,” said Mark Ginsberg, PhD., executive director of NAEYC. “By earning accreditation, Hanover Township Preschool has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start.”

Responding to the growth of the system, in 1999 the NAEYC Governing Board appointed a National Commission on Accreditation Reinvention to conduct a comprehensive review of NAEYC’s Accreditation system. Building on their work, NAEYC is making many changes to increase the reliability and accountability of the accreditation system and promote higher program quality. In April 2005, the NAEYC Governing Board Approved Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria, which will be used in the future to assess whether programs receive accreditation.

NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality child care and early education programs. To earn NAEYC’s accreditation, a program conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the standards. After necessary improvements are made, the program is observed by independent, professional validators, and then reviewed by a national panel. Programs are accredited for a five-year period.

CAPITOL IMPRESSIONS – Medicare prescription drug benefit signup deadline is May 15

A Column by Congressman Charles W. Dent – 15th Congressional District

Signup for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit continues through May 15. New enrollees can sign up after that date, but a premium of one percent (currently about an additional 26 cents per month) will begin to accrue after May 15.

So far, more than 27 million Americans have signed up for the benefit. As a result of the program’s success, and as a result of competition among private carriers, the insurance premium for Medicare RX is less than was estimated. Right now, average premiums are about \$26 per month. Average yearly savings are reported to be around \$1,100.

Medicare experienced some problems with the initial rollout in January. Several of my colleagues and I immediately spoke with Medicare’ Administrator, Dr. Scott McLellan, to get assurances these issues would be addressed. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have helped local pharmacists by adding more operators at call centers and improving the flow of infor-

mation. Most of the problems have been corrected, and most Americans who signed up report a positive experience.

Anticipating the amount of questions seniors would have about the program, I sponsored more than a dozen information meetings prior to rollout, and have also had Medicare officials come into the district for several signup events since then. I stress to everybody that this program is voluntary, and in some cases, your existing insurance may still be a better program for you than the Medicare benefit.

If you are interested in the program, make sure you get all the information you can about whether you want to enroll. Don’t feel pressured to enroll, but don’t let anybody scare you out of signing up if you are interested, either.

If you have signed up, please feel free to let me know how the program is working for you. If you are interested in the program and haven’t signed up yet, call my office at 610-861-9734 or call 1-800-Medicare.



Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales: Preschoolers through grade 6 can register for the 2006 Summer Reading Program at the Bethlehem Area Public Library (*Main Library, South Side Branch, and Bookmobile*) beginning June 5.

For detailed information and schedules visit the library's web site at **www.bapl.org**.
Registration is required for all programs (*except Summer Storytime at the Main Library*)
 Phone the **Main Library**, 11 W. Church St., at **610 867-3761 x499**
 or the **South Side Branch**, 4th & Webster streets, at **610 867-7852**.

- Earn **cool prizes** for books you have to read for school or books that you are just reading for your own enjoyment.
- Register for **special programs**: Storyteller Mary Wright spins animal tales on June 21. Brave and obedient dogs (Allentown Dog Training Club) visit the Main Library on June 29 and the Branch on June 19. Your furry or scaly friend can compete in a Pet Show on July 19 at the Main Library.
- **Preschool Craft programs** on Wednesdays at 11 AM on June 14, June 28 & July 12 at the Main Library and Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at the South Side Branch.
- **School Age Craft programs** on Wednesdays at 11 AM on June 21 & July 5 at the Main Library and Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at the South Side Branch.
- **Book Discussions** for 4th & 5th grades, middle school & high school at the Main Library
- **Summer Storytime** for infants through kindergarten children begins the week of June 12 at both locations.
- **Evening Teddy Bear Story Times** for preschool through second grade children are held once a month at 7 PM on Wednesdays at the Main Library.

Join *Through the Ages* **Teen Reading Club** for 7th to 12th grade students; created by the library's Teen Advisory Board with specially selected reading incentives. Come to a talent show / pizza party July 13 and/or a Murder Mystery on August 17.

Drop in Computer Clinic for Adults on Fridays June 2, 9, & 16 and July 14, 21 & 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Main Library. Stop by and ask your questions about Microsoft Word®, searching the library's catalog & online databases, or beginners may work on a *Using the Mouse* tutorial. Call 610 867-3761 x259.

Beach Reading Book Sale: June 15 & 17. Phone 610 867-3761 x259 or www.bestbooksale.org for details.

SUMMER BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE effective June 1, 2006

HANOVER TOWNSHIP - Mondays (except for Southland & Toni)

COMMUNITY CENTER - JACKSONVILLE RD	Schedule	A&B	3:00 - 4:00
STONEWOOD DRIVE & BELAIRE RD **A WEEK ONLY **	Schedule	A	4:05 - 4:50
MERRIVALE AT CLEARVIEW **B WEEK ONLY**	Schedule	B	4:05 - 4:50
MONOCACY DR Han Crossings Nor	Schedule	A&B	5:00 - 5:45
LORD BYRON DR	Schedule	A&B	6:45 - 8:15
SOUTHLAND DR & GRACE AVE - <i>Thursday</i>	Schedule	A	4:45 - 5:45
TONI LANE AT CRAWFORD DR - <i>Thursday</i>	Schedule	B	4:45 - 5:45

Schedule A				Schedule B			
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29
July 3	CLOSED	July 5	July 6	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13
July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27
July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug	<i>No service during Musikfest</i>			
Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24
Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	<i>Ask for Fall schedule</i>			

MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions for 2006. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. except where noted. Residents are urged to attend these meetings. Don't let one of these boards decisions effect you without your input!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Meetings are held the SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meetings are held the FIRST MONDAY of each month, however, the July, August and September meetings will be held on the second Monday.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Meetings are held the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month starting at 7:00 p.m.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month starting at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Meetings are held the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month whenever required. Time(s) of the hearing will be announced when scheduled.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the THIRD THURSDAY of each month starting at 7:30 p.m.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: Meetings are held the LAST MONDAY of each month, except May which is held the 1st Monday in June. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH: Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every other month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.



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