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# Hanoverview

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## Hanover's New Manager

by John N. Diacogiannis



At the Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting on January 3rd, John J. Finnigan, Jr. was appointed Hanover Township's 2nd Township Manager. Jay replaces N. James Sterner, who retired December 31st and who had served as Township Manager since 1990.

Prior to joining the Township staff in April of 2005 as Director of Administration, Jay had spent his entire working career with Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). A 1979 graduate of Bentley College, located in Waltham MA, with a BS in Business Management. Jay joined D&B in February 1979 as a Business Analyst in their Boston, MA office and progressed rapidly upward in the organization. In 1980 he was promoted to Division Manager in Boston and in 1984 was appointed Operations Manager in Springfield, MA and later that year District Manager in Hartford, CT.

In 1996 Jay was promoted Director of Consulting Services in D&B's Bethlehem, PA facility and in 2004 he was named Director of Sales Policy & Planning.

Jay is familiar with the operations of the Township having served as a member of the Board of Supervisors since 2000. In 2001 the Board elected him Vice Chairman and in 2003 Chairman. Before being elected to the Board, Jay was a member of the Recreation Advisory Board and served as the Chief Fundraiser of the Hanover 200th Anniversary Celebration in 1998.

When asked what challenges he anticipates he listed three:

## Hanover's New Secretary Treasurer

by John J. Finnigan, Jr.



Stacy C. Milo started the New Year as Hanover's new Secretary/Treasurer. Stacy was hired in August of 2005 as Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer and worked along side Linda Sterner to insure a smooth transition.

Stacy was born in Dover, New Jersey and lived in the Pocono's until purchasing her current residence in the City of Bethlehem in 2005. She has been working diligently renovating her first home since acquiring it.

Stacy is a graduate of Dickinson College with a BA in Environmental Policy with a Focus in Economics and is currently pursuing her M.P.A. from Kutztown University. She worked for the City of Bethlehem immediately prior to joining Hanover Township in the Department of Community and Economic Development. She also previously worked for Waste Management in Allentown and before that she was also with the City of Bethlehem in Recycling.

When asked what her goals were in 2006, Stacy commented, "to become efficient in my job, to meet the needs of the Township and contribute to the hard-working team of Hanover Township employees." She continued, "My challenges for 2006 are to obtain funding from federal, state and local sources for projects and equipment, learning and meeting the needs of the Township and my co-workers and living up to the example set by my predecessor, Linda Sterner."

**NEW MANAGER** *continued*

- Maintaining the Quality of Services
- Maintaining the Quality of Life
- Public Safety - Fire Protection

"It will become increasingly more difficult to maintain the Quality of Services in today's vibrant economy. As we've seen recently, natural disasters can quickly affect the costs of basic necessities. The 2006 budget was affected by the recent increases in energy products", Finnigan commented. "Unfortunately, the cost of fuel and electricity spiked quickly, yet the decline in these products costs haven't declined as rapidly and will never decrease as low as they were pre-Katrina", he continued.

Maintaining the Quality of Life will also be a challenge. The Township is for the most part built out, or plans are in process for the majority of the remaining land. As those developments are completed and turned over to the Township, the maintenance responsibility for the property and roads dedicated to the Township will increase. "I'm in a great position as it relates to the staff of the Township. We are fortunate to have dedicated and experienced road crew, as well as, office & recreation staffs that have been in place for many years. However, with the increased infrastructure and property, it will become necessary to increase staff to handle the additional workload," Finnigan commented.

Another challenge will be providing fire protection for the Township residents and the business community. "Since the Township has changed from a rural farming community to a thriving residential and business community it hasn't been without challenges", stated Finnigan. "Unfortunately, we've had fewer residents volunteer for fire services", he continued. "We'll need to look at creative and aggressive ways to provide fire protection", he concluded.

Jay resides in Hanover with his wife Mona and their two sons, John (21) and James (17). Outside of work Jay is the president of the Bethlehem Blast Youth Hockey Organization, serves as an assistant coach in that organization and is a USA Ice Hockey Official.

**NEW SECRETARY TREASURER** *continued*

Stacy lists her hobbies as gardening, baking, taking long walks with her Yorkie - George and traveling. Stacy is a vegetarian who loves chocolate.

When asked who the most influential person in her life was, Stacy stated "she'd choose her mother with her kind and giving heart, her positive attitude, and her love for everyone."

Stacy, welcome to Hanover Township and Good Luck!

**Crafters Wanted**

Crafters interested in reserving a table at Hanover Township's Annual Fair can call 610-866-1140.

The Holiday Inn in Hanover served as the setting for a Surprise Retirement Dinner for Jim & Linda Sterner on Friday, December 16, 2005. One-hundred and fifty friends, family, colleagues, developers, attorneys, engineers and politicians enjoyed a fun-filled evening of warm friendship, humor, praise, acknowledgement and good cheer.

Jim and Linda were recognized for their service to Hanover Township by the United State House of Representatives (Rep. Charles W. Dent), the Pennsylvania Senate (Sen. Pat Browne), the Pennsylvania House of Representatives (Rep. Craig A. Dally), Northampton County Executive Glenn Reibman, Northampton County Council and the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors later announced at their December 20th meeting that January 2006 was Jim & Linda Sterner Month in Hanover Township.

Both Linda and Jim were recognized for their contributions and dedication in making Hanover Township a great place to Live, Work & Play. Individuals expressing their appreciation, fondness, thoughts and every once in a while a good jab included, Jim & Linda's son Jamie, Township Engineer Jim Birdsall; Township Solicitor Jim Broughal; Ron Donches, vice president with National Penn Bank; Mike Schmalzer, vice president with Hanover Engineering; Kevin Healy, Hanover Public Works Director; Vince Milite, Hanover Road Superintendent; the entire road crew; Lori Stranzl, Assistant Secretary Treasurer Hanover Township; the entire Board of Supervisors; Chief Roy Sieple, Colonial Regional Police; Mike Coogan, president of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company and David Jaindl, president of Jaindl Land Company.

During his comments, David Jaindl announced that in order to permanently recognize the Sterner's for their many years of tireless dedication to the Township, one of the main roads in the Jaindl Land Company's development on the eastern side of S.R. 512 would be named *Sterner's Way*.

Mike Schmalzer commented that he and the Sterner's had been close friends for many, many years and his grandparent's actually lived across the street from Linda's growing up. He did admit that the events leading up to the retirement dinner was the first time he'd ever lied to his friends. He told them, he and his wife Jean were taking them out for a "quiet retirement dinner and they were only stopping by the Holiday Inn for a pre-dinner drink!" Somehow 148 other individuals got wind of the quiet dinner! I wonder if Linda & Jim ever got their quiet dinner?



top: David Jaindl announcing Sterner's Way

bottom: Jim & Linda receiving a hug from son Jaime

**Tips to Protect Children & Teens from Exploitation, Abduction, Internet Crime, Drugs & School Violence - 2nd in a Series**

**THE PET LURE**

Children love animals and are easily caught off guard by lures involving them. Cute, cuddly pets such as puppies and kittens hold an especially powerful attraction. Children may be asked to help look for a “lost” puppy or offered the chance to see a new litter of kittens – or perhaps something more exotic, like a ferret.

**PREVENTION**

Explain that animals can be used to lure children into dangerous situations. Children should never enter a home, building or car or leave a public area with the promise to see any kind of animal, unless accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.

If asked to look for a lost pet, your child needs to ignore the request, get to safety quickly and report the incident to parents and police immediately. The Pet Lure has been used in many horrible crimes. Remind children, “There is no lost puppy!”

**THE AUTHORITY LURE**

Rightly so, children are taught to respect and obey adults. Pedophiles take advantage of their positions of authority as coach, clergy, scout leader, relative, etc. to intimidate or force youngsters into abuse or worse.

Some predators go so far as to pose as detectives, police or truant officers. They may use badges and uniforms or attach flashing lights to a vehicle to appear real. Youngsters, especially teenagers, are intimidated when accused of shoplifting or other crimes.

**PREVENTION**

Give children permission to say “No” to authority figures when necessary. Stress that it is illegal for any adult, even a family member, police officer or clergy member, to touch a child in the Bathing Suit Zone.

If confronted by someone claiming to be with law enforcement, youngsters should insist on a uniformed police officer in a marked car. Warn children to be extra cautious if they are accused of a crime but have done nothing wrong. Youngsters should never leave a public area against their better judgment.

**THE BRIBERY LURE**

The age-old lure of bribery still works. Young children are offered candy and toys; older children are tempted with sports equipment, compact disks, alcohol and drugs, or – most effective of all – money. Bribes are used to persuade children to go willingly with a potential abductor or a reward for tolerating abuse or keeping it secret.

**PREVENTION**

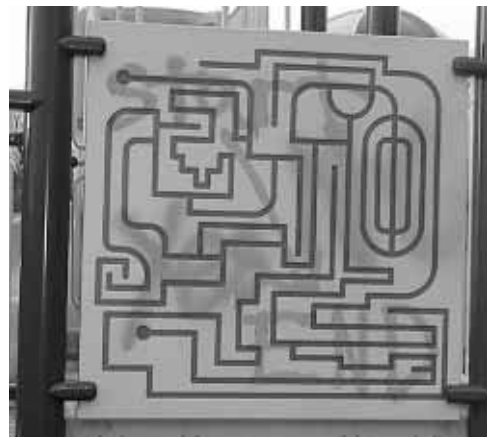
Explain that a good secret (like a surprise party) is one that eventually told. A bad secret is one that makes you feel upset or that you are afraid to tell. Bad secrets should be told to parents immediately.

Teach children that what seems like a gift may be a bribe to lure them into danger. A sincere gift has no strings attached and should not be kept secret. Parents, be alert to unexplained gifts. Find out who gave these items: when, where and why? Remind children that no amount of money or gifts is worth risking their personal safety.

**REWARD  
DAMAGE TO TOWNSHIP FACILITIES**



Recently we’ve had damage to playground equipment in two parks and to our new slide at the Township Pool. In an effort to put a halt to this destruction in the future, we are offering two rewards of \$150.00 each for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individuals’ spray painting the playground equipment and throwing a 19” TV down the slide.

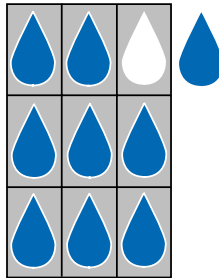


The Township will be aggressive in pursuing these individuals in order to stop these activities from happening in the future. Anyone with information on these two instances should contact Chief Seiple of the Colonial Regional Police at 610. 837.4557.

## Miller-Keystone Blood Center

by Linda Merkel

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is growing inside and out. We are extremely fortunate to live in a community where we all come together to help one another. It's important to us. We live here! This is our home town and we're proud of it. Miller-Keystone Blood Center accepts tax-deductible gifts throughout the year from individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations. These contributions from a generous community assist in providing programs, equipment, blood-mobiles, transport vehicles of blood to area hospitals and well-trained personnel for our community Blood Center. If you have any questions about Miller-Keystone Blood Center please contact Linda Merkel, Director of Development at 610-691-5850 x 248. We also have wonderful volunteer opportunities as Canteen Attendants, Donor Aides, Blood Donor Recruitment Helpers and in our newly Special Event area. We are very appreciative of our dedicated volunteers and we recognize them with awards. On behalf of Miller-Keystone Blood Center, thank you for believing in us as we continue to help save lives...one pint at a time.



## John Philip Sousa Concert

The Hanover Township Special Events Committee is proud to sponsor the 9th Annual John Philip Sousa Concert. The concert will be held at the Hanover Township Community Center Sunday, May 7th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. The return of the Liberty

Alumni and Easton Municipal Bands will assure another memorable concert.

This concert is free and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served before the show.

## 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.

## Community Service Hours

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

## Hanover Elementary School News

Hanover is happening! In October, parents enjoyed time with their children in their classrooms during American Education Week. The last day of that week was Great Person's Day. This day offered the unique experience of students being allowed to invite special persons, usually other than their parents, into the classroom to share their day.

This was a great year for Reflections, a PTA sponsored cultural arts program. We had 71 entries! In November we had an awards ceremony during which we learned that 34 entries are going on to the next level of competition. Congratulations to all the participants. We applaud your creativity and initiative.

Hanover students and faculty had many 'giving' opportunities this school year. About 130 winter-clothing items were donated to the Winter Warmth Campaign. Student Council sponsored a 'Giving Tree' and collected gifts for over 225 needy children and adults. We also sent \$1,937 to the Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina victims. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed!

The holidays were celebrated with vocal and instrumental concerts, parties and general good cheer. The concerts were well attended and the students did a wonderful job performing a variety of seasonal favorites. Our third graders shared their holiday spirit with the elderly at Country Meadows. They sang songs and brought cookies, gifts and smiles to all.

Our new Market Day program has really taken off! Everyone seems to be enjoying the restaurant quality food, and its ease of preparation. Mrs. Russell, a first grade teacher, says one of her family's favorite Market Day meals is the Hearty Beef Stew. She serves it with the Garlic Bread Slices and a tossed salad for a quick and delicious meal. Give Market Day a try; it's a great way to help support our school! Visit the website at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or call Danette Holzer at 610-317-0788 for more information.

The Hanover Elementary staff and students, and the Hanover PTA would like to wish everyone in our community a Happy New Year!

## A Word of Thanks

Dear Township Residents,

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the memorable time we shared while employed by Hanover Township. We'd also like to acknowledge the many well wishes and congratulations we received in anticipation of our retirement, they were greatly appreciated. We will continue to be active in the Township and will most likely see many of you.

We are proud to have been a small part in the development and growth of the Township.

Sincerely,  
Jim and Linda Sterner

# HANOVER TOWNSHIP RECREATION

**1996-2006**

## HTCC - 10 Years of Community Service

**Special points of interest:**

- *Employment opportunities @ HTCC*
- *New "Community Bingo Thursday"!*
- March Madness**
- *Rowing Teams*
- *3 on 3 Tournament*
- Middle School Dance**
- *February 10 - 7:00pm*

In 1996 Hanover Township took the bold move in opening our Community Center.

Over the ten years we have seen a significant increase in activities because of the wonderful facilities available to us. Residents have had the pleasure of comfortable settings for the annual Sousa Concert, Halloween Parade and gathering, Community Days, and more.

The Hanover Township Community Center also is the home of the Hanover Preschool, this program has provided a service for more than 300 families; offering an enriched curriculum for our little eager learners. The bright rooms and large gym provide the opportunity for children to learn in a fun and creative environment.

After school programs can now be offered year round. Our community children have a safe, friendly place to play.

The young at heart crowd gathers together to exercise and socialize on a regular basis. The lobby offers a concession area with comfortable seating. The game room and fitness rooms are an added bonus to this building already full of life from our families who visit.

Administration offices is where you will find the hub of planning for the summer pool and parks program.

In keeping with the nature of our community, you will often find educational/informational programs for



**The Big 10 Year Anniversary will be November 11th and 12th – mark your calendar and watch for "10 year" specials throughout the year.**

adults on wellness issues and different opportunities to support local charitable causes within our larger community. HTCC also is a new polling place for Hanover Township residents in District 6.

Please stop by and see the "heart" of your park and recreation facilities!



Anne Francis - 10 years at HTCC! Anne Francis has been a familiar face in the Community Center. Anne has been faithful in opening the doors at 6 am for the last 10 years!

Anne can be found working hard keeping the accounts current and our "Young at Heart" participants healthy!

## Anne Francis –10 Years at HTCC

When you ask Anne what her most rewarding experience at HTCC has been, she replied "the friendships with staff and members, as well as the personal gratification I get when seeing my Young at Heart crowd healthy and active!"



Anne has lead the "Young at Heart" aerobics class through many different types of exercise, all low impact offering a variety of fitness benefits!

8:30 am / M-F

## Meeting Rooms, Birthday Parties, Gym Activities



**610-317-8701**

HTCC is open 7 days a week.

Contact HTCC for your next meeting or social event.

Conveniently located for easy access to all major roadways and minutes from LV International Airport. Our multi-purpose indoor facility includes: lobby area with seating, full size gymnasium, meetings rooms to meet all size occasions, aerobics studio, classrooms, game room, and fitness/weight room. HTCC also offers a complete kitchen facility with catering services available.

Additional features include sound sys-

tem, air conditioning, sink access in several areas, concession area, locker room/shower facilities, audio/video hook up, projector screen, child care area, bleachers, chalk board, PA system, water fountains, wheel chair accessible and more.

With the above-mentioned facilities, it is easy to see how HTCC can provide you a complete package to make your next business or social function unique and successful. Our customer-oriented staff is eager to accommodate your needs. Call for your booking or personal tour today.

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney



### Middle School Players

When: Friday – February 24, 2006

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 pm

6th, 7th, & 8th grade players - (teams can be composed of mixed grades!!) Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams!

Registration: \$15 per team

1/2 court games - Kick off March Madness at HTCC! 50/50 Raffle!

Concession Stand Available!

### Open Adult

### Basketball Schedule

Pick up basketball games run weekly Monday & Wednesday night from 8 - 9:45 pm. Saturday morning games start at 8:00 am.


Check the gym schedule on line at:

[www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)



Aerobic / Funshine room!

## Aerobic/Fitness Classes



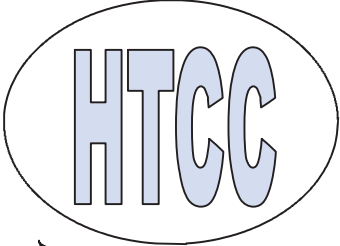
**FITNESS CLASS COUPON**

Redeem this coupon at the Center for one FREE fitness class of your choice.

Classes include: "young at heart", spinning, long & lean stretch, step aerobics, kickboxing, toning, super Saturday workout, hip hop dance class, step & tone, yoga



**Community**



**Bingo Thursday**

HTCC joins local charities in presenting

**Community Bingo @ Hanover Township Community Center!**

Every month a different organization will receive a portion of the net proceeds.

First Thursday of every Month @ 7:00 pm early bird/ 7:30 pm regular games begin!

February 2nd – benefactor: **Miller-Keystone Blood Center**

March 2nd – benefactor: **Colonial Regional Police Department**

April 6th – benefactor: **Northampton County SPCA**

## The Many Faces of Stroke

**Tuesday - February 28, 2006**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

Join us for this Interactive workshop on the signs of stroke, prevention and treatment.

Hanover Township Volunteer corps will discuss stroke emergency response.

Hanover Township Ambulance will be on sight for viewing.

**Risk Screenings will include:**

- Blood Pressure
- Body Mass Index
- Body Fat Analysis
- Healthy Nutrition Tips
- How to talk to your doctor
- Ask you pharmacist



**Speaker:** Claranne Mathiesen, RN patient care specialist, Neurosciences Center.

**Other Guests from LVHHN:** Staff from Rehabilitation Services, Nutrition Services, and LVH Pharmacy Department.

**Sponsored by the Stroke Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital**

Child Care will be available for children 6 months to 5 years old. Please RSVP for child care.



### Looking ahead to summer:

- Tracy Cyr Girl's Basketball Camp
- Swimming Lessons
- Summer Day Camp
- Basketball League
- Volleyball Camp
- Dip & Dances
- And more...

**Middle School Dance**

**Valentine's Dance - 2/10/06**

Friday evenings full of dancing and fun!

Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Tickets - \$5.00

Tickets include: DJ, game room, and open gym (sneakers only in the gym)!!

Concession area will be available.

**TGIF**

February 3rd - Annual Jump Rope for Heart

TGIF runs the first Friday of the month from 7-9



Happy Valentine's Day  
February 14, 2006

Purchase your lollypop gram at HTCC - \$1.00

**Watch for CPR classes to be offered at HTCC in the spring!**

## Balloon Twisting Class

A great way to learn the art of balloon twisting! Great for teachers, day care workers, party planners, and the young at heart! Children 9+ yrs. are welcome!

Presented by: Jolly Holly the Clown

**Tuesday – Feb. 21st 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

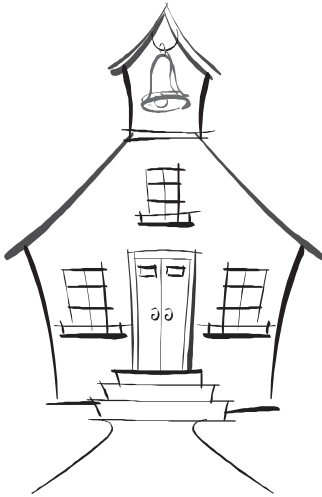
Supplies included!

Min. & Max. registration apply



JOLLY HOLLY the CLOWN

## Hanover Preschool



Programs available for children  
ages 18 months through 5 years



Enrich your child's life with art, creative movement or music!

Make new friends @ HTCC! Call for class times and schedules.

# HELP WANTED



### Instructors Needed

- Music
- Basketball
- Tumbling
- Cheerleading volunteers

### Summer employment

- Camps
- Parks
- Pool

We start interviewing for summer in March!

## HANOVER CHEERLEADING Hanover Stars-Registration for 2006



**When:** February 15th, 6-9 pm **Where:** HTCC Lobby/Meeting Rooms

Registration packets can be picked up at HTCC after 2/1/06

Representatives will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the program on the 15th.

Spring  
Session

begins: April 3rd

Mondays @ 6:00 pm

## FREE HEALTH PRESENTATION

TOPIC: Complimentary Alternative Medicine/Organic foods and the role of toxins in our health.

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Conrad Maulfair / Maulfair Medical Center

**WHEN:** February 16th, 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** HTCC / Meeting Room A

Organic Refreshments will be served

## MARCH MADNESS Rowing Competition

March 1 - March 31, 2006

Teams of 3 people competing against each other to row the most meters in a month on the Concept2 rowers.

Registration and informational meeting: Sunday, 2/26 @ 1:00 pm. Daily logs will be given out. Sign up as a team or as an individual & we will find you teammates! Prizes for first place team; something for everyone who competes!



## Lights and Sights of Hanover Township

### Annual Best Holiday Display Contest



**Congratulations to all Winners of the Best Holiday Display Contest!** With so many great displays in the township, choosing just one winner in each district is always a challenge for our panel of Special Events judges. Our judges would especially like to recognize our overall township winners, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ashner on Sunset View Drive, for continually making our holiday season brighter with one of the biggest and best holiday displays in the Lehigh Valley! Each of our winners received an Award along with Gift Certificates from local businesses. We would like to thank the following businesses for their generous contributions to our Display Contest:



Steak and Ale, Pizza Village IV, Giant Food Stores, Weis Markets, Olive Garden, Chili's, The Red Lobster, Luminous Nails, A. D. Nails, Texas Road House, Gadzooks Salon, Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse, Top Diner, Valley Family Restaurant, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, Hanoverville Roadhouse, TC Salon and Day Spa, Yocco's, Outback, Robin Maynard for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

## Board of Supervisors

At their Annual Re-organization meeting, the Supervisors elected and made the following appointments:

- Elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- Elected Glenn Walbert as Vice Chairman
- Appointed Jay Finnigan as Township Manager
- Appointed Stacy Milo as Township Secretary/Treasurer
- Re-appointed Kevin Healy as Director of Public Works & Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
- Re-appointed Vincent Milite as Road Superintendent, Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Officer
- Re-appointed Cathy Heimsoth as Recreation Director
- Re-appointed Fran Taglang as Assistant Recreation Director – Administration
- Re-appointed Kristin Matejicka as Assistant Recreation Director – Programming & Aquatics
- Re-appointed Margaret Giordano Community Relations Director
- Re-appointed James Broughal as the Township Solicitor
- Re-appointed James Birdsall as the Township Engineer
- Re-appointed Robert VanWhy as the Township Fire Marshall
- Re-appointed Dale Broadway as the Assistant Township Fire Marshall
- Re-appointed Francis Almer as Director of Emergency Management
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Planning Commission: Paul F. Kuehne & Susan A Lawless, Esq.
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Zoning Hearing Board: Paul Balla
- Re-appointed the following member(s) to the Shade Tree Commission: Joan Witiak
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Airport Advisory Board: John D. Feehan & Joseph J. Hilton
- Re-appointed the following as member(s) of the Impact Advisory Committee: N. James Sterner, Marie Lychak, Chris Williams, Eugene Mills, Paul Kuehne, Kerry Wrobel and LeRoy Wilson
- Re-appointed or appointed the following member(s) to the Recreation Advisory Board: Michael W. Stasak, Jr. & Hon. Emil Giordano
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Special Events Committee: Brenda Happ
- Re-appointed Robert Schoenen, Jr. as Township Representative to the Bethlehem Public Library
- Appointed the Supervisors Chairman of the following Committees: Jack Nagle – Administration; Glenn Walbert – Planning & Zoning; Frank Colon – Development and Steve Salvesen – Public Works

## CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS... *by John N. Diacogiannis*

In 1990 the Board of Supervisors made two very bold moves. Realizing that our growing community needed a full-time professional to handle the daily management responsibilities which were becoming nearly impossible for the Board members to properly satisfy, they decided to delegate such duties to a full-time Township Manager. Even more important was the proper selection of who was to fill this new position. It was not a difficult decision selecting a well-groomed Township veteran. Accordingly, the Board appointed Jim Sterner as our first Township Manager. History over these last fifteen years has shown that the Board made a very wise decision. Not only did management responsibilities grow proportionally with the growing community needs; Jim did an outstanding job and has left the position well situated as we move to the next level.

That move will be spearheaded by Jay Finnigan, our newly appointed Township Manager. Once again, the Board didn't have to look very hard for Jim's replacement, because the perfect candidate was in our midst. We look forward to working with Jay as Hanover Township begins to move into a growth stabilization and maturation stage. This new stage will bring new and different challenges to the Board. Jay's management style and capabilities will serve us well. The management team has been further enhanced by the appointment of another local government veteran (City of Bethlehem), Stacy Milo as Hanover's Secretary/Treasurer. Stacy takes those reins from retiring Linda Sterner, who guided and vastly improved the handling of the Township's fiscal responsibilities during those same growth years.

Please join me wishing the Sterner's well in their retirement and welcoming Jay and Stacy to our management staff.

### Sinkholes

Sinkholes continue to plague many areas of the Lehigh Valley. Recently, several of our neighborhoods have experienced the damaging effects of sinkholes. They sometimes take a terrifying toll on roadways, land and structures. Repairs to such damage have been very expensive and lengthy. Homeowners are especially hit hard with often uninsured expenses and disruption to family life, sometimes even requiring temporary relocation. Sinkholes can also be very dangerous to the life and health of people and pets. By popular request, a must read article on sinkholes is reprinted in this issue of Hanover overview. I urge all residents to be vigilant in spotting the early signs of a possible sinkhole developing. I particularly urge you to review your property insurance policy with your agent. If you don't have sinkhole coverage, consider buying it, which can generally be added to a homeowner's policy. Your insurance agent can advise and guide you.

### First Monday's Meet

Finally, in an effort to give Hanover residents an opportunity to express their views, opinions, concerns or questions, I will be holding a "First Monday's Meet" from 7 to 8 PM on the first Monday of each month, at the Hanover Township Community Center. These will be informal, individual sessions and may include the Township Manager on occasion. No appointment is necessary; I will remain in the Center as long as it takes to meet with everyone waiting. This does not take the place of "Courtesy of the Floor" at the Board's regular semi-monthly meetings, where residents are encouraged to offer comments on items not on the evening's agenda.

**FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

*by Kevin T. Healy*

**PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS**

When SNOW is in the forecast please make every effort to keep your vehicles off Township streets. While this is an issue in the entire Township, it is important to keep motor vehicles out of all Cu-de-Sacs, especially: Grace Avenue, Jacyn Lane, Overlook Drive, Briarstone Road and Rosewood Drive. With everyone cooperating, we can all have cleaner and safer streets after a snow storm.

Please be aware that we usually have to plow Township streets at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm. Please do not shovel snow into the street!

Please remember if you have a sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within thirty-six (36) hours after a storm.

**PAINT DISPOSAL**

Please do not place containers of paint out for pick-up by the refuse hauler. When compacted the cans have a tendency to leak on Township Streets consequently risking damage to passing motor vehicles.

**PET OWNERS**

1. Dogs are not allowed on Township Property.
2. Dogs shall be under owner’s control at all times when off their property.
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.hanoverwp-nc.org](http://www.hanoverwp-nc.org))
5. Cat owners! Please be aware that as a cat owner YOU are responsible to keep your animal on your property. This has become a big problem over the past few years.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION**

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

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

All garbage shall be stored in containers with lids for pick-up. Please make sure your trash and recycling is secured from the wind and animals. Your neighbor does not want to clean up your blowing trash or recycling

Thank-you to all Residents for your continued Recycling effort.

**FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR -**

**2006 TAX BILLS -** Tax bills were mailed to each property owner, the end of January or first week of February. If you do not receive yours by mid-February please call the tax collector at 610.867.3323.

Please make sure you forward your tax bill to your mortgage company, bank or whoever is responsible for paying your taxes.

**STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP**

*by John J. Finnigan, Jr.*

It seems just like yesterday that I sat down to write (type) my 2005 State of the Township. As noted in previous issues of the *Hanoverview* and other printed media, I have been appointed the 2nd Township Manger in Hanover’s history and as such, was unable to seek re-election to the Board of Supervisors as prescribed by Pennsylvania Statutes. That being said, I’d first like to thank the residents of Hanover Township who in 1999 elected me to the Board and bestowed on me the honor of representing you.

Unfortunately, I cannot report that the Township tax rate remained the same as the previous year. The new millage rate is 4.67 up from 4.25. The Board had been able to hold the tax rate flat for the previous nine years. However, with the significant increase in energy costs, medical benefits, police protection and an increase in the Township’s contribution to the Fire Company, we were unable to hold the rate stable.

Development continues within our borders and outside the township that will affect the quality of life we have become accustomed. The Lehigh Valley Corporate Center on the western edge continues to expand both with office space and providing additional services to the park itself and Township residents. In the 1st quarter of 2006, the Jaindl Land Company should receive Board approval for their property in the northeast most portion of the Township which will result in a realigned Hanoverville and improvements along S.R. 512. Three residential communities, two in the center of the Township and one in the northern tier should be completely developed by years end and an active adult community should begin construction in the northeastern part of the Township sometime in 2006.

We’ve made a significant investment in updating our Township Pool, completely re-furbishing it and adding a water slide. Look for our Grand Re-Opening this summer! Hopefully, prior to opening the pool we’ll also have re-furbished the baby pool as well. We also added onto the Municipal building as we were completely out of space. With the addition, and the electronic storage of records, the building will be able to serve our needs for the next twenty plus years.

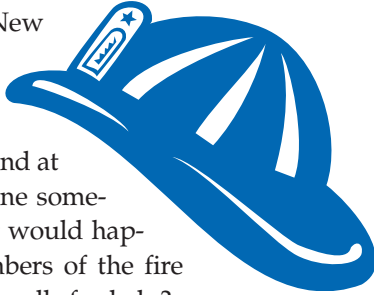
Development recently completed, currently under construction and contemplated in Lower Nazareth Township will have an impact on the Route 512 corridor. The Board is watching these developments very closely.

During 2005 we made significant investments in equipment for our Public Works Department, purchasing a new Chevrolet 5500 Kodiak Dump Truck and two new Chevy Silverado 2500HD pickup trucks,

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## Fire Company News

The officers and members of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 would like to thank the residents of Hanover Township Northampton County for their continued financial support to the 2005 fund drive; we were able to make our goal for 2005. As the New Year starts, we'd like to wish all the township residents a happy, joyous and prosperous new year and at the same time give everyone something to think about. What would happen if there were no members of the fire company to respond to our calls for help?



Hanover Township - Northampton County is no doubt growing, but the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company roster is unfortunately not. It seems to be doing the exact opposite and shrinking. We understand that some of the township residents feel that they're too old to come out and help their neighbors, which is fine. But we're looking for those residents who are able to give the fire company one night a week to help respond the ambulance to emergencies, or a few hours a week to help the fire fighters do their job, or the fire police safely protect an emergency scene so that the fire company members are able to go home to their families after the emergency is over. Every member of the fire company has obligations to their families and loved ones just as every resident of Hanover Township does, but the difference is that there are times that the fire company member must readjust their personal obligations due to an emergency that crops up within the Township. We invite any and all interested township residents to come to the fire house and ask questions and see if you have what it takes to help your neighbors and your family when an emergency arises.

Here are some statistics that the fire company would like to share with the township residents to give you something to think about. Fire fighters responded to 342 emergencies in 2005, this includes fires (possible and actual), wires down, auto accidents, spills and calls to the airport. The ambulance corps responded to 772 emergencies during the same period, this includes supporting the fire fighters on fire emergencies, cardiac symptoms, unconscious people, fall victims and immediate transports to the hospital. The fire police unit responded to 233 emergencies, which included securing fire scenes so that the fire fighters and ambulance corps are able to rapidly deal with fires, assist the Colonial Regional Police Department with traffic control at scenes of auto accidents so that the police officers might be able to conduct their investigations and traffic control for township events.

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP LIONS NEWS

Several members of the Kutztown Lions Club and District Governor, Howard Bowers, visited the Hanover Township Lions at their January 17th social meeting. The Lions are looking forward to a visit from a member of the Hanover Township Fire Company at their February 21st social meeting.

The annual Lions Peace Poster Contest was held with thirty six Notre Dame students participating.

Upcoming Lions Club fundraisers include a Bowl-A-Thon on March 19th, Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, March 26th @ Christ UCC Church, 5050 Airport Road. Adults \$7.00, ages 6 - 12, \$3.00 from 4 - 7 PM and a bus trip to Atlantic City, April 23rd. All monies raised are donated to charities.

Anyone wanting information about fundraiser or the Lions Club in general should contact Willard Kulp, 610-865-5440 or talk to any Lion member.

We appreciate the support we continue to receive for the Eye Glasses Drop Off Mail Box in the Community Center.

## “READY TO READ”

The Hanover Township Special Events Committee is getting “Ready to Read” again! June is Hanover Township Literacy Month and we will be celebrating with a kick-off party will be held at the Community Center on Friday, May 5th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

Tele Bear, along with township guests will be there to meet and read to all of the children ages 2-6. There will be pizza and juice to start the party and entertainment for everyone! Kids can also do PBS crafts and visit the Bookmobile.

Win great prizes from area merchants! Every child who attends will receive a free book from Tele Bear and a special gift bag including prizes and information on how to start your children on the road to reading. The earlier you read to your child, the earlier they will want to read themselves. Please join us for the fun.

The party is free but reservations are required so call the Community Center at 610-317-8701.

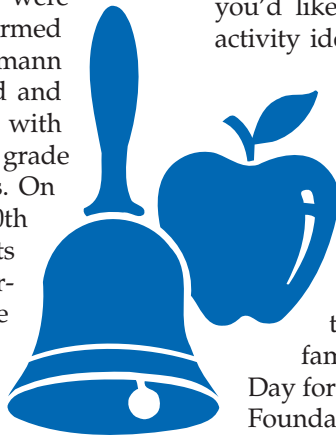


## ASA PACKER NEWS

by Carol Jacoby, Principal

Happy New Year! We had a very busy end of year at Asa Packer Elementary School. In addition to lots of good teaching and learning in the classrooms, we were treated to an instrumental winter concert performed by our fifth grade students and the Nitschmann Middle School orchestra, led by Mrs. Conrad and Mr. Haas. We enjoyed the Winter Concert with songs sung by our kindergarten through fifth grade students and our chorus led by Mrs. deVries. On December 19, we celebrated Asa Packer's 200th birthday (actual date is December 29). Students in grades three and five researched this important person. In a special assembly, many of the students shared their creative projects and Dave Amadon, Liza Bucchin's grandfather, portrayed Asa Packer. To show school spirit, everyone was asked to wear blue and white, our school colors. A highlight of the day was enjoying delicious cupcakes provided by the Student Council families. The projects will be on display through January, so if you're in the building, be sure to enjoy them. Our fifth graders participated in a school spelling bee. After a great competition, Erin Taylor emerged as the first place winner and Jenn Park came in second place! Congratulations to both of you. Erin will be participating in the BASD Spelling Bee on January 10, 2006- best of luck, Erin!

Now, with the holidays behind us, we will be concentrating on our school work. In January, all of the students will be receiving a free book through the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) program. "Founded in 1966, RIF is the oldest and largest children's and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. All RIF programs combine three essential elements to foster children's literacy: reading moti-



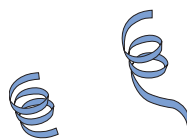
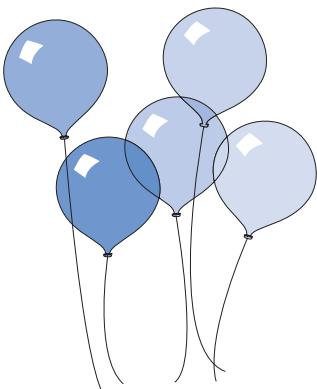
vation, family and community involvement, and the excitement of choosing free books to keep. RIF's accomplishments are due in part to the generous support of the U.S. Department of Education, corporations, foundations, community organizations, and thousands of individuals." If you'd like to know more about RIF, including tips and activity ideas to motivate your children to read, you may visit their web site at [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org).

Since this school year began, there have been several times when we have asked our families and staff to help our community and beyond. Following Hurricane Katrina, we collected \$3,431.25 for the Hurricane Relief Fund. Radio Shack matched the cash donations which added \$1,171.25 to this amount, for a grand total of \$4,602.50! Many of our staff and a few families participated in the Susan G. Komen Denim Day for which we raised over \$250 for the Breast Cancer Foundation. In November, we collected nonperishable food items for the Second Harvest Food Bank. The volunteer who came for the food was amazed at the amount of food collected. Hats, gloves and mittens were collected for needy children during the month of December. They covered our tree in the lobby and filled two more containers! You can understand why I have nicknamed this school the "Giving School."

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that Asa Packer Elementary School, for the second year, has received the Keystone Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This award is given to schools that have met their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) improvement targets for two consecutive years as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Achievement, also known as the PSSA. Congratulations to the students, parents, and staff!

## Upcoming Township Events

We look forward to this year's Township events with great excitement! Township events give us all the opportunity to come together with community spirit, get to know our neighbors and just have some fun! The members of the 2006 Special Events Committee are planning some of the Township's annual events and are also working on some new ones!



### THIS YEAR'S EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:



- Annual Ready to Read** - Friday, May 5th
- Annual Sousa Concert** - Sunday, May 7th
- Hanover Fair** - Saturday, June 10th
- Annual Crime Watch/National Night Party** - Tuesday, August 1st
- Patriot Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony** - Monday, September 11th
- Hanover Halloween Parade and Community Celebration** - Saturday, October 28th
- Hanover Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Weenie/Marshmallow Roast** - Friday, December 8th

If you have questions or would like to volunteer or become a member of the Special Events Committee, please call 610-866-1140.

## PENNSYLVANIA OFFERS PROPERTY TAX/RENT RELIEF

### 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

by Sen. Pat Browne, 16th Senatorial District

Perhaps the most hotly debated issue before the General Assembly involves providing property tax relief. As you may know, the Senate and House approved separate proposals and we are now working to reach a consensus on a single plan.

What you may not know is Pennsylvania already has an excellent program that provides property tax relief and rent rebates of up to \$500 to many low-income senior citizens.

In 2004, more than 7,500 Lehigh County senior citizens and disabled residents took advantage of the state's Property Tax and Rent Rebate program, receiving more than \$3 million in rebates. Of these participants, 3,373 were property owners, and 4,175 were renters. The average rebate was \$399.66.

More than 4,700 Northampton County residents received rebates totaling nearly \$1.9 million in 2004. Of these participants, 2,595 were property owners, and 2,131 were renters. The average rebate was \$401.06.

Statewide in 2004, claimants received over \$126.5 million in rebates for rent and property taxes paid the previous year.

This Lottery-funded program -- one of the most successfully operated by the state on behalf of senior citizens -- can be a substantial source of assistance to older people burdened by high rent or skyrocketing property taxes.

So how does this cash-back initiative work?

Under the program, a person living on a limited income may be eligible to receive a refund of some part of the money he or she paid for property taxes or rent during the previous calendar year. To qualify, an applicant must have an annual household income of less than \$15,000. The program is open to state residents age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 or older; and permanently disabled persons age 18 and over who meet the Social Security disability requirements.

The income guidelines were changed a few years ago by the Legislature to help those who were pushed out of the program by small Social Security increases. The change that was enacted, with my strong support, allows senior citizens to exclude 50 percent of their Social Security/Railroad retirement income when determining annual income for eligibility purposes. I am pleased that we were able to expand this program to help even more people.

Property taxes and rent are among the two biggest expenses for most families. This important program is one way that qualifying senior citizens can recoup some of their money. I encourage all eligible Lehigh Valley residents to apply.

For more information, call my District Offices: (Downtown Allentown) (610) 821-8468; (East Allentown) (610) 821-6813; (Northampton County) (610) 502-1567; or, visit the Department of Revenue website at [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us); or, contact the Lehigh County Area Agency on Aging at (610) 782-3034, or the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging toll-free at (800) 322-9269.

## From the Shade Tree Advisory Commission

### SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – PLAN TO PLANT A TREE

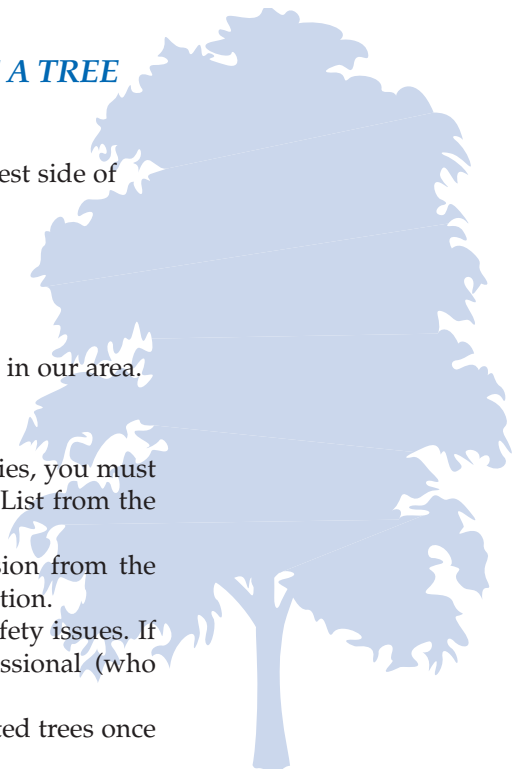
It has been proven that trees

- increase property value
- decrease summer cooling costs when properly placed on the south or west side of the house
- clean the air of carbon dioxide and other noxious gases
- provide homes and food for birds
- beautify the neighborhood

The Township has an Approved Tree List for suggestions of trees that do well in our area.

#### 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.
- Never "Top" a tree. It is a very harmful practice for the tree and has safety issues. If your tree needs pruning, hire a reputable, knowledgeable tree professional (who would never top a tree).
- If we have drought conditions in the summer, deeply water newly planted trees once a week.



## DO YOU HAVE THAT SINKING FEELING?

by John N. Diacogiannis

**H**ave you ever had that sinking feeling, but you're not on a river, lake or ocean? You may be experiencing a sinkhole. "A sinkhole collapse is the sudden settlement or collapse of earth resulting from subterranean voids created by the action of water on limestone or similar rock formations." Sinkhole development varies in different areas of the country, depending on geologic conditions. Quite often, surface water makes its way through openings in rocks and soil and begins to dissolve the underlying limestone. Surface disturbances may compound or accelerate the problem. Poor or improper drainage often concentrates the water at the wrong place. Water pipe leaks can also contribute to or actually be the root cause of the problem, as can underground water streams

Sinkholes sometimes cause extensive damage to structures and roads resulting in costly and often uninsured repairs. Perhaps the worst area for sinkhole damage is Florida. It seems as if every year there's a car or two and even a whole house disappearing into a Florida sinkhole. Locally, the most publicized and perhaps the most costly sinkhole event was the collapse and eventually leveling of a modern office building in downtown Allentown. Sinkholes can also be deadly. In 1993 a 100-foot wide, 25-foot deep sinkhole formed under a parking lot in Atlanta. Two people died and numerous cars were destroyed in the collapse. Limestone deposits underlie much of the Lehigh Valley. We may not be a hotbed for sinkhole activity like Florida and Kentucky, but many of us have seen the effects of sinkholes all around us. It's important that you recognize the early signs of a sinkhole and what to do when they become apparent.

### Pre-collapse Sinkhole Indicators:

- Water runoff is ponding where it had not previously.
- Cracks begin to appear on the ground surface.
- Post, fences or trees begin to tilt.

Small preliminary holes begin to appear on the ground or macadam.

Vegetation is wilting in a localized area, while surrounding area is fine.

Nearby well water begins to experience turbidity.

Realize that there is sometime little or no warning that a sinkhole will open up.

What to do if a sinkhole opens on or near your property

If your home is threatened, contact your homeowner's insurance company (hopefully you already have sinkhole coverage). Take steps to limit further damage and to correct the situation. Seek professional help. Keep others, especially children well clear of the hole. The subsurface void can be far larger than the surface hole. The ground surrounding the hole can be very dangerously unstable.

If a public road is threatened, contact the township office as soon as possible. If the road surface has already collapsed, also immediately contact the Colonial Regional Police.

**DO NOT IGNORE A SINKHOLE**, no matter how small or insignificant it seems. The problem can worsen over time. Even the pre-collapse indicators should be investigated for a possible developing sinkhole.

A word about insurance coverage for sinkhole damage

Damage caused by sinkholes is not covered by standard homeowner's insurance. Sinkhole damage coverage can usually be added to your policy for a minimal cost. This covers the physical damage to dwellings and personal property caused directly by sinkhole collapse. Contact your insurance company or agent to determine if your policy includes sinkhole coverage and consider obtaining it if you don't.

*(Editor's Note: This article originally appeared in the Fall 2002 Hanoverview. It is being re-printed due to the fact we've experienced many sinkholes in the Township over the past six months. Pay particular attention to the insurance information contained in this article.)*

## CAPITOL IMPRESSIONS

### *Policies and programs can keep us out of the cold*

by U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent

**W**e all use and rely on vast quantities of energy in our everyday lives. The fact we can flip a switch and the light will come on, go to the pump and fuel our vehicles, turn up our thermostat and heat our homes, is something we often take for granted. Once again, our reliance on foreign oil has produced tangible consequences. High prices at the gas pump have taken a toll on our pocketbooks and we will all feel the effects of costly heating bills this winter.

We must have a forward-looking strategy to ensure that we are able to power our daily lives without relying too heavily on foreign sources. This strategy includes a multi-pronged approach - conservation, increased and more efficient exploration and production, modernization of infrastructure, and diversification through innovative new technologies.

In 2005, we in Congress passed two separate energy bills that include provisions to help foster conservation and promote American sources of energy to lessen our dependency on foreign sources. I have also been a leading voice for progress toward replacing fossil fuels with Hydrogen as a fuel source for vehicles.

In the meantime, winter has arrived and it's important not to leave anybody out in the cold due to economic limi-

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## Jefferson Reform Initiative Takes Root in Harrisburg

by Rep. Craig Dally - State Representative 138th Legislative District

In an effort to restore the public's confidence in the General Assembly I joined with six legislators from across the Commonwealth to launch the Jefferson Reform Initiative. With the debacle in 2005 over the legislative, judicial and administration pay raise and repeal, it became obvious that the way the General Assembly operates must be subject to strict scrutiny.

I opposed the pay increase, refused the "unvouchered expenses" and supported the successful effort to repeal the raise, but I believe the episode spotlighted a need for change in the way your General Assembly does business. All House members should want a legislative process that allows us to represent the interests of our constituents to our fullest potential.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "It is not by the consolidation, or concentration of powers, but by their distribution that good government is effected." Members of the initiative support this philosophy and hope to empower individual legislators to better represent their districts.

In addition to calling for reforms in the power structure of the General Assembly, the Jefferson Reform Initiative seeks to enact policies that would provide greater transparency in the operations and processes of the legislature. I believe the public is better served when presented with the facts and allowed express an opinion. Disclosure and openness are key components of rebuilding the public trust in the General Assembly. More openness will lead to a greater understanding of our legislative process.

Organizers of the initiative have agreed to support my Constitutional Convention legislation (House Bill 1995).

Other elements of this reform package include:

- ★ Enactment of lobbyist disclosure legislation.

- ★ Reform of House committees by limiting the number of years that a chairman can serve on the same committee and by allowing the committee chairmen to appoint vice chairmen and subcommittee chairmen and members.
- ★ Prohibiting the Rules Committee from adding substantive amendments to bills. This will prevent quick floor votes on controversial public policy, providing greater opportunity for review and public comment.
- ★ Establishing a process to review and reduce the size of the legislature.
- ★ Limiting the purpose and scope of "lame duck" sessions.
- ★ Constitutional changes to examine the size of the legislature and the powers and processes of the courts.
- ★ Accountability in various state debt financial programs, including the Commonwealth Finance Authority, Department of Community and Economic Development, and R-CAP.
- ★ Establish a budget process that bases resource needs on achieving quantified outcomes.

Members of the initiative have presented their ideas to House leaders and a number of legislators have agreed to join the initiative.

Updates about the Jefferson Reform Initiative are available at [www.craigdally.com](http://www.craigdally.com). You are always welcome to contact me with your ideas about how state government can serve you. My district offices are at 354 W. Moorestown Road in Nazareth, PA, 18064 (telephone: 610-746-2100) and 5330 Nor-Bath Boulevard in (East Allen) Northampton, PA, 18067 (telephone: 610-502-1567).

### STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP *continued*

all three can be used for plowing and maintaining our infrastructure. These vehicles replaced two vehicles that were over fifteen years old and one over twenty.

We've continued to resurface our road network, with work being completed in the Westgate section during the summer of 2005.



### CAPITOL IMPRESSIONS *continued*

tations. Congress increased funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Residents of the 15th District with questions about LIHEAP may call their county assistance office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886).

More information on assistance is available online from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare at [www.dpw.state.pa.us/LowInc/HeatAssistance](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/LowInc/HeatAssistance).

I will continue to support policies that ensure Americans have access to renewable, abundant, efficient, reliable, and affordable sources of energy. With the right policies we can have a future where Americans don't need help from the government to pay their heating bills.

I wish each of you a joyful and prosperous New Year.



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## HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS RECYCLE!

Normal refuse pick-up is every Tuesday. In weeks with a Holiday (H), it moves to Wednesday. Recycling days are identified with a "R"

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### 2006 Holiday Re-Schedule of Collections

**Memorial Day - Mon., May 29**  
 Mon-Fri services - One (1) day delayed

**July 4 - Tuesday**  
 Tues-Fri services - One (1) day delayed

**Labor Day - Mon., Sept. 4**  
 Mon-Fri services - One (1) day delayed

**Thanksgiving - Thurs., Nov. 23**  
 Thurs & Fri services - One (1) day

**Christmas - Mon., Dec. 25**  
 Mon-Fri services - One (1) day delayed

**New Years Day - Mon., Jan 1**  
 Mon-Fri services - One (1) day delayed

Waste Management has a website for information: [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

**Waste Management of Pen Argyl**  
 1963 Pen Argyl Rd.  
 Pen Argyl, PA 18072

**800-621-2100**

Mon.-Fri: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

### What and How to Recycle

- ▲ Rinse and clean all bottles, jars & cans. Labels can remain on.
- ▲ Remove any lids and caps from bottles & jars. Only metal caps are recyclable.
- ▲ Place all recyclables in your container.

### 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 #1 or #2 are acceptable.
- ▲ Empty Aerosol Cans - Empty through normal use. Remove plastic lids unless attached.
- ▲ Poly Coated Containers  
 Milk & Juice Cartons  
 Rinse & flatten - do not include straws
- ▲ Newspapers with colored or glossy inserts, should be tied with a cord or placed in a brown paper bag.
- ▲ Magazines tied or bundled separately.
- ▲ Corrugated (cardboard boxes). Tie in separate flat bundles. No larger than 2' x 3'.
- ▲ Junk Mail - Bundle with newspapers. Do not include plastic or foil wrappings.



The Main Library, 11 W. Church St., is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The South Side Branch, 4th & Webster streets, is open Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Book drops are available at both locations.

The library is closed April 14 and May 29.

**Information 24/7:** Get accurate, up-to-date information from reliable sources. Go to [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) and click on Online Databases. Select Bethlehem Area Public Library and use the barcode from your library card to log in.

Phone the Youth Services Department (610 867-3761 x499) or the South Side Branch (610 867-7852) or check for information on the library's web site for the following programs:

- **Book Discussions:** Three separate groups of students (4th & 5th grade, middle school and high school) meet once a month at the Main Library to share opinions of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. Pick up the books in the Youth Services Department.
- **Teen Advisory Board:** Join teens from area middle and high schools (public, private & charter schools) to plan activities of interest to your peers. The group meets twice a month (usually Tuesdays from 4 – 5:15 p.m.).
- **Preschool Storytimes:** Enroll your infant, toddler or preschooler in one of eight classes offered a week at the Main Library. The South Side Branch offers two classes a week.
- **Teddy Bear Story Times:** This evening program is offered once a month at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch. The whole family is invited to come. Register at the beginning of each month.
- **Family Place Parent/Child Workshops:** Toddlers, ages 1 – 3, play while parents share child-rearing tips and get a chance to talk to child development experts who visit each week. Siblings welcome, too. Register for a five week session. Available at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch.

For more information about the library's book sales go to [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org)

**The March Madness Book Sale** is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10,000 + books, videos, Dvds, Cds, and audio books are available. Call 610 867-3761 x259 for more information. **The Spring Cleaning Book Sale** is scheduled for May 4 and 6. The library accepts donations in good condition at the circulation desk anytime the library is open. All proceeds benefit the library.

The Main Library is offering free **computer classes** for adults. Choose from *Beginner/Using the Mouse*, *Searching the Library Catalog*, *Using Microsoft Word®* (creating, editing & saving documents), and *Basic Internet Searching*. Call for class times and to register: 610 867-3761 x259.

Bookmobile Schedule for HANOVER TOWNSHIP - **Mondays** (except for Southland & Toni)

COMMUNITY CENTER - JACKSONVILLE RD	Schedule	A&B	3:00 - 4:00
STONEWOOD DRIVE & BELAIRE RD	Schedule	A	4:05 - 4:50
MERRIVALE AT CLEARVIEW	Schedule	B	4:05 - 4:50
MONOCACY DR Hanover Crossings North	Schedule	A&B	5:00 - 5:45
LORD BYRON DR	Schedule	A&B	6:45 - 8:15
SOUTHLAND DR & GRACE AVE - Thursday	Schedule	A	4:45 - 5:45
TONI LANE AT CRAWFORD DR - Thursday	Schedule	B	4:45 - 5:45

**2006 SCHEDULE**

SCHEDULE A					SCHEDULE B				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	
Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2		Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	
Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16		Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	
Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30		Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	
Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13		Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	
Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27		May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	
May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11		May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	
May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25		CLOSED	May 30	May 31		

	<b>B</b> <b>U</b> <b>D</b> <b>Consolidated Budget</b>	<b>G</b> <b>General Fund</b>	<b>R</b> <b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b>E</b> <b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>S</b> <b>State Fund (Highway Aid)</b>
<b>Beginning Balance — January 1, 2006</b>	\$8,147,394	\$5,589,774	\$40,866	\$2,295,924	\$220,830
<b>REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Taxes	\$4,753,842	\$4,753,842			
Licenses and Fines	70,000	70,000			
Fines and Forfeits	37,000	37,000			
Interest	106,500	55,000	500	43,000	8,000
Intergovernmental Revenue <i>(recycling grants, sanitary sewer fees, insurance premium taxes, state aid)</i>	601,995	380,275			221,720
Charges for Services <i>(building permit fees, inspection fees, public utilities tax)</i>	750,304	201,922	548,382		
Miscellaneous Revenues	132,770	132,770			
Capital Reserve/General Fund Transfers	1,437,287			1,437,287	
General Fund/Recreation Fund Transfer	84,962		84,962		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$7,974,661</b>	<b>\$5,630,809</b>	<b>\$633,844</b>	<b>\$1,480,287</b>	<b>\$229,720</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES</b>					
General Government <i>(legislative, executive, financial, tax collection, clerical, legal, engineering, buildings and plant)</i>	\$748,608	\$585,240	\$7,000	\$156,368	
Public Safety <i>(regional police, crossing guards, fire company, fire hydrant rentals)</i>	1,648,334	1,648,334			
Public Works - Sanitation	800,700	800,700			
Public Works <i>(road maintenance, snow removal, traffic signals/signs maintenance, street lighting, equipment)</i>	1,054,702	764,034			290,668
Public Works - Other	8,235	8,235			
Debt Service	856,690			856,690	
Culture -- Recreation <i>(recreation, community center, library contribution)</i>	899,022	156,870	591,437	150,715	
Conservation and Development	31,485	31,485			
Employee Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, Insurance, Miscellaneous	884,071	848,663	35,407		
Capital Reserve/General Fund Transfers	1,163,773	1,163,773			
General Fund/Recreation Fund Transfer	84,962	84,962			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$8,180,582</b>	<b>\$6,092,297</b>	<b>\$633,844</b>	<b>\$1,163,773</b>	<b>\$290,668</b>
<b>Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2006</b>	<b>\$4,794,1473</b>	<b>\$5,128,286</b>	<b>\$40,866</b>	<b>\$2,612,438</b>	<b>\$159,882</b>

## MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions for 2004. 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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