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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Hanover Township Family Fun Day

On Saturday, May 25th, Hanover Township will hold its 1st "Family Fun Day" at the Municipal Complex from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Special Events Committee would like to invite everyone to attend this fun filled day of music, food, games, prizes and Community Spirit.

Live Music will start at 12:00 with "Slow Motion", the HTCC Battle of the Bands winner, which was held at the Community Center on April 12th. From 2:00 to 3:00 you can enjoy music and early American fun facts from Roy Justice "The Traveling Minstrel". Finally, Hanover's own; FFOGG (Emil Giordano, John Fruhman & John Fiore) will play from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Dunk Tank will start at NOON with Supervisor Jay Finnigan leading off the event. Others sharing the "hot seat" during the day will be Supervisors Steve Salvesen, Glenn Walbert, John Diacogiannis, Representatives Steve Samuelson & Craig Dally, Senator Charlie Dent, Dean Koski, Cathy Heimsoth, Wegmans Executive Chef Joe Kratchowil and a few special guests. This is sure to relieve some stress! Start warming up your arms TODAY!

Further test your skills and have a fantastic time at the Sumo Suit Wrestling venue or the Bungee Run event. (Bring your own partner for added fun.) Kids will enjoy the 50-foot Sea Monster, face painting, games, Pepsi Toss, pie walk, clowns and Fire & Rescue equipment. Everyone can learn something important at the Fire Safety House, Drug Van and Kids Card displays.

The Chinese Raffle table will have awesome prizes from

Wegmans, Westgate Mall, Stefano's, Franks, Capriccio, Red Robin, Tour of Italy, Barn House, HTCC, Woodstone Golf Club, Philadelphia Eagles, Sixer's, Muhlenberg College, Whitetail Golf Club, Southmoore Golf Course, State Theatre, Four Points Sheraton, Bethlehem Golf Course, Hilton Garden Inn, Staybridge Suites, Allentown Art Museum, AAA, Enterprise Car Rental and many others.

Pie eating contests will be held at 12:00, 1, 3, and 5 p.m.

Potato sack and 3-legged races will be at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

All Terrain Trike Races will be at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

The Pool will be open free of charge to everyone. A soda toss will start at 4:00 p.m. followed by a tug-of-war and a greased watermelon race.

Bring your appetite for hot dogs, sausage, cabbage & noodles, pizza, pierogies, french fries, BB-Q, cotton candy, funnel cakes, popcorn, slushees, Pepsi and ice cream cookies!

Special thanks to all of our Family Fun Day sponsors: Wegmans, Thomas E. Michael Agency, Nazareth National Bank, Body Dynamics, Jeffrey DeCrosta DDS, Pepsi, Atria, HTCC, St. Luke's Hospital &

Health Center, Country Meadows, Linda Marlow-Re/Max 100, Wendy Schaffer-Keystone Savings Bank, Firststar Bank, Tanczos, Young's Notary, Douglas J. Tkacik-Esquire, Jaindl Turkey Farms, Long Funeral Home and the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1.

Special thanks to our **Community Spirit Sponsors** who have helped to sponsor all of the Hanover Special Events this year: **Platinum-** National Penn Bank, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Westgate Mall **Gold-**Hanover Engineering **Silver-** Layfayette Ambassador Bank and **Business-** Jim DeWire and Telco, Inc.

Without volunteers and the support of these businesses, this years Sousa Concert, Family Fun Day, Halloween Parade/Party and the Holiday Tree Lighting would not be possible.

Volunteers needed!

The Hanover Special Events Committee still needs volunteers for Family Fun Day Saturday, May 25, 2002. It will be a fun way to meet people in our community and kids can earn community service hours. If you are interested or need more information, please call: Natalie Miller 610.419.0405 or Mary McCornac 610.867.0104.

FAMILY FUN DAY DUNK TANK SCHEDULE

Time	Individual
12:00 - 12:30	Supervisor Vice Chairman FINNIGAN
12:30 - 1:00	Supervisor DIACOGIANNIS
1:00 - 1:30	Representative SAMUELSON
1:30 - 2:00	Representative DALLY
2:00 - 2:30	Wegmans Executive Chef KRATCHOWIL
2:30 - 3:00	Recreation Director HEIMSOTH
3:00 - 3:30	Rec. Adv. Board Chairman KOSKI
3:30 - 4:00	Supervisor Vice Chairman FINNIGAN
4:00 - 4:30	Supervisor WALBERT
4:30 - 5:00	Senator DENT
5:00 - 5:30	SPECIAL GUEST
5:30 - 6:00	Supervisor Chairman SALVESEN

Jessica Veltri

By Jenna Portnoy, *The Express-Times*

A blue 1999 Honda CRV is sitting in storage, waiting for Jessica Veltri to take a spin around Hanover Township, Northampton County.

The sporty ride will be a welcome change from the clunky army Jeep-like vehicle the 18-year-old Liberty High School graduate has ridden since February when she was deployed to Afghanistan, said her parents, John and Patricia Veltri.

But Jessica Veltri won't feel the rush of driving on America's open road for another six months to a year. The oldest of five Veltri children, Jessica Veltri retired her cheerleader pom-poms and red and black uniform of her alma mater and donned fatigues right after graduation.

For Jessica Veltri, her decision to join the Army came when she and her family heard that serving in the military would be a sure route to a career with the FBI. "Hopefully it will look good on her resume," John Veltri said.

Since being stationed in Afghanistan, Jessica Veltri works as a prison guard standing watch over Taliban captives. "She said it's not bad. They get two hot meals a day," her father said. Of course, those meals are supplemented by goody packages her

family sends each week. Aside from candy and gum, Jessica Veltri is treated to flashlights, batteries, CD's, shampoo, soap and other comforts, John Veltri said. Jessica Veltri's sisters – Danielle, 17; Kerianne, 15; Nicole, 13 – and her 8-year old brother Dylan are especially proud of their machine-gunner sister, the Veltri patriarch said.



For Dylan's show-and-tell at school Jessica Veltri promised to send home some Afghanis – that country's money – and a copy of the Quran, the religious text sacred to the Islamic faith.

Jessica Veltri's most immediate goal is to start college. "She was going to start now, but she got deployed," her dad said.

Boot camp was tough, but the young soldier graduated in the top 10

of more than 200 privates. At one point during the grueling training she was ranked No. 1 among her men and women classmates. The machine-gunner also attained sharpshooter status with the standard Army rifle, the M-16, and earned the highest rank of expert with the 9mm pistol, John Veltri said. Although her loaded, snazzy Honda CRV still waits it driver, one feature not included in the standard package is something Veltri is quite at home with – a machine gun.

(The entire article appeared in the Saturday, April 6, 2002 edition of The Express-Times)

Hanover Elementary School News

- March was exciting month for Hanover Elementary with many activities being held:

1. March 1st was Science Night at the school. There was a wonderful turnout with 165 children and 150 parents in attendance. Representatives from Air Products and Mineral Technologies gave presentations and hands-on-stations were led by Liberty High School Science students.

2. Hanover School was proud to have Steven Kellogg, an internationally known author and illustrator, visit on March 8th. The students and teachers had read many of his 90-plus books and the excitement grew in anticipation of his visit. Mr. Kellogg was asked to help design artwork for t-shirts; the t-shirts were then given to (and worn by) every student and teacher on the day of his visit.

3. Annual Bingo night was held on March 8th. It's always an exciting evening and many enthusiastic students attended along with their families and friends.

4. A parenting talk, "Parenting for the 21st Century", was presented by Carol Ritter of the Pennsylvania PTA organization. She held a group of parents captive with her informative and entertaining talk.

5. "Hanover Pride in Academic Excellence Celebration" was held in March. Last year's 5th graders were guests at the celebration and honored for scoring first in the state on their PSSA exams. They were the recipients of lavish praise, encouragement and compliments from the many honored guests. The 6th graders were presented with a package filled with citations from various official offices and gifts from local merchants.

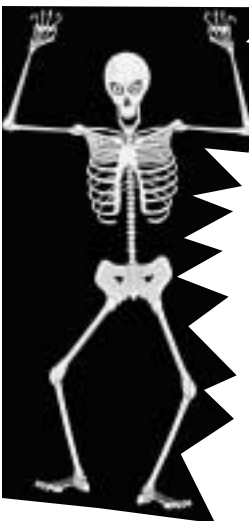
- The school was treated to a second author visit in April. Len Roberts, a local poet, visited Hanover April 3rd and 5th. He was able to meet with smaller groups and kept their attention with poetry!

- Hanover Elementary will hold spring concerts in May for the choral and instrumental groups!

- Hanover's Spring Festival date has been set for Friday, June 7th. This will be held outside in the back of the school, weather permitting (otherwise, inside of the school). This fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity for an enjoyable time as well as a chance to help support Hanover School.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARADE

Yes, we are already planning this year's parade. This year we will also include a Halloween Party following the parade. Everyone in the parade and all residents are welcome to join in the fun. There will be a magician, fortuneteller, games, food and fun. The Parade will be Saturday, October 26, 2002. It will start at 12:30 p.m. in front of Wegmans and proceed down Southland Drive to Crawford Drive to Jacksonville Road and end at the Hanover Municipal Complex. We are asking that anyone or any group interested in being in the parade to call Natalie Miller at 610-419-0405, Mary McCornac at 610-867-0104 or Susan Lavelle at 610-691-0272 for more information.



From The Desk of the
Public Works Director

Drought Emergency in Effect!!

PET OWNERS:

- No Dogs in Parks or on Township Property.
- Dogs shall be under owner’s control at all times.
- Please clean up after your animals.
- All dogs shall be licensed with the County. (Forms available at Municipal Building and at <http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org>)
- 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.

The Township upon agreement with the City of Bethlehem, has secured the use of the Bethlehem Compost Center, for Township residents on a permit basis.

Any Resident, who wishes to use the facility, must first secure a permit at a cost of \$ 10.00 per year from the Township. Permits shall be secured before use. Permits will be available Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. At the Township Office, 3630 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA.

Permits are available at the Township and are for single resident use only. Proof of Identification required for use.

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.

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.

NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIAL:

Grass Clippings

YARD SALES – GARAGE SALES:

Please remove all yard sales signs and attachments from utility poles at the end of the sale day.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Approved the mulching of trees in municipal parks by Chris’s Lawn Service, Inc.
- Approved the restructuring of fees for the pool.
- Adopted a Resolution Honoring the Honorable Steve Samuelson for his efforts in representing the Township and participation in many of the Township’s events.
- Adopted a Proclamation honoring the 2000-2001 5th grade class at Hanover Scholl for their performance in the PSSA testing.
- Adopted a Proclamation honoring Marco Friend on attaining his Eagle Award.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Chris Marshall from the Recreation Advisory Board.
- Appointed William Hursh, Jr. to the Recreation Advisory Board.
- Approved the Eagle Scout Project of Randy Lariar to develop a fitness path for the municipal tract.
- Approved the Eagle Scout Project of John J. Finnigan, III to install a holiday tree and flagpole near the Community Center.
- Supported the Eagle Scout Project of Ricky Santee on Advent Moravian Church property.
- Appointed Joseph Crosson as Hanover Township Pool Manager.

**Township Officials Attend
Annual State Convention**

Supervisors Frank Colon, John Diacogiannis & Jay Finnigan as well as Township Manager Jim Sterner, Linda Sterner, Township Secretary/Treasurer, Public Works Director Kevin Healy and Road Supervisor Vince Milite attended the 80th Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors April 14-17th at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

More than 4,500 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 township residents 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, Gov. Mark Schweiker; Jim Lombardo, executive director of the Governor’s Center for Local Government; Samuel McCullough, secretary of the state Department of Community and Economic Development; and Tom Halicki, executive director of the National Association of Towns and Townships. The convention also hosted a gubernatorial forum featuring former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell and Pennsylvania Attorney General Mike Fisher.

Pennsylvania’s 1,457 townships of the second class represent more than one-third of the state’s population and make up the largest percentage of the four types of municipal government in the commonwealth.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Pool Prices

Pool Opens
Memorial Day
Weekend

Passes Currently
Available!!



Resident

Family	\$ 88.00	HTCC Members	\$ 70.00
Adult	66.00	HTCC Members	44.00
Senior Citizen	33.00	HTCC Members	27.50
Youth	38.50	HTCC Members	33.00

Senior Citizen, 65 or older, Hanover Twp. residents, one time lifetime membership of \$50.00

Non-Resident

Family	\$ 220.00	HTCC Members	\$ 200.00
Adult	120.00	HTCC Members	100.00
Senior Citizen	85.00	HTCC Members	80.00
Youth	90.00	HTCC Members	85.00



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Daily	Weekend/Holiday	Weekday/Holiday
Resident		
Adult	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00
Senior Citizen	4.00	3.00
Youth	4.00	3.00
Non-Resident		
Adult	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.00
Senior Citizen	7.00	5.00
Youth	7.00	5.00

Print your pool pass & HTCC program registration forms off of the Hanover Township website: www.hanovertwp-nc.org

JOHN Q. PUBLIC BREAKFAST MEETING

On Friday Morning, April 19th, 36 Township residents attended a breakfast hosted by Representative Craig A. Dally (D-138th). Representative Dally hosts similar breakfast meetings throughout his district to meet his constituents and receive feedback from them. Representative Dally brought those in attendance up-to-date on the budget status, education disbursements, education vouchers, healthcare & tax reform as well as other issues that those in attendance asked him to comment on.

Representative Dally will continue these breakfast in the future and township residents are encouraged to attend and discuss the issues that are of concern to them.

SENATOR CHARLES W. DENT and REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG A. DALLY

Although Senator Dent and Representative Dally do not have offices in Hanover Township they each value input from his constituents. The 16th State Senatorial District includes Hanover Township. Information on how to contact Senator Dent:

Lehigh and Northampton County
Legislative Offices

5330 Nor-Bath Blvd., Northampton, PA 18067
(610) 502-1567 ☎ Fax (610) 502-1570

801 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18101-2420
(610) 821-8468 ☎ Fax (610) 821-6798

Senate Box 203016, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3016
(717) 787-1349 ☎ Fax (717) 772-3458
TTY (800) 364-1581
E-mail: cdent@pasen.gov

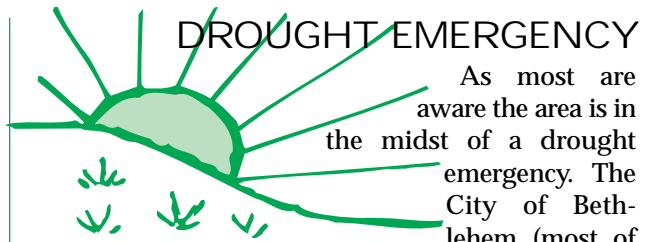
Representative Dally's contact information:

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E-mail: cdally@pahousegop.com



As most are aware the area is in the midst of a drought emergency. The City of Bethlehem (most of the township's water supply) has adopted certain regulations that are consistent with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Some of the highlights are:

1. An individual may was personally owned or leased vehicles with buckets or by hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shutoff for pre-rinse and rinse not to exceed a total of two minutes spray time. Water use limited to odd street addresses on the first and third Saturdays of the month and even or no street addresses on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

2. Repair of Pool: City of Bethlehem will allow a one time fill after the pool is drained due to a repair. **A written request for approval must be submitted to the Director.**

3. Topping-off: Approved between now and Memorial Day – to re-establish pool, insure pumps work, etc. **A written request for approval must be submitted to the Director.**

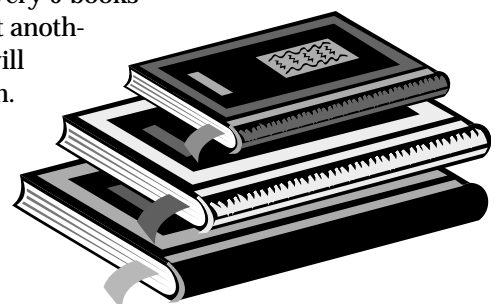
4. New Pool Permits: a.) If the contract was signed prior to February 12, 2002, the permit will be approved, however, **a written request must be submitted to the Director.** b.) If the contract was signed after February 12, 2002 then the applicant needs to show hardship, (example: health reasons, safety – children's recreation, etc.). **A written request for approval must be submitted to the Director.**

If you obtain your water from the Westgate Water Company, please contact them directly at 610.317.9660. For additional information on the State-wide Drought Emergency please visit the Department of Environmental Protection Web-site at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/subject/hotopics/drought/>

HTCC SUMMER READING Program

June is *Hanover Township Literacy Month* and we want your family to take part.

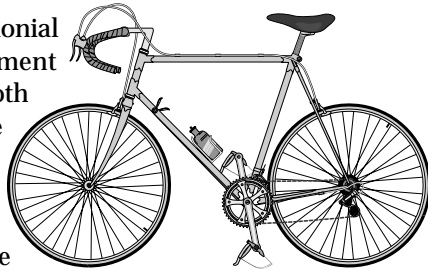
The HTCC Summer Reading Program is designed to keep kids reading all summer. Come in to HTCC to sign up during "Ready To Read" or Literacy Month and you will receive 5 free tickets to use for the summer reading grand prizes; a Leap Pad or a 20" candy apple red Titan Tom Cat Bicycle. For every 5 books or chapters that you read (or that parents read to their preschoolers), you will get another ticket. The only way to get more tickets is to read more books! The winners will be drawn at the "Summer Reading Ice Cream Finale" on August 15th at 2:00 p.m. Everyone that participates in the program will be treated to a Hershey ice cream sundae bar and a lot of fun and prizes! You will also receive a special citation from Representatives Samuelson and Dally and your school Principal. The prizes will be on display at HTCC all summer if you need any encouragement! Special thanks to Representative Craig Dally, Linda Marlow-Re/Max 100 agent and Bike USA Retail Outlets for supporting this program.



Colonial Regional Police *by Chief Daniel A. Spang*

BICYCLE SAFETY

The officers of the Colonial Regional Police Department urge all bicycle riders, both young and old, to obey the traffic rules and drive safely. Both motorists and bicycle riders are reminded that bicycles have the same rights, consideration and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers on the roadway.



With the approaching summer season we urge all parents to remind their children and themselves of the rules of the road. Don't ride the wrong way on a one-way street or against the flow of traffic on a two-way street, stay off sidewalks, obey traffic signals and stop signs, wear helmets and during periods of limited visibility wear reflective clothing.

Have a great and safe riding season.
Don't be a statistic.

NEW OFFICERS EMPLOYED

On November 17, 2001 the Colonial regional Police conducted a written test for 370 applicants for the position of Police Officer. After an exhaustive process involving physical fitness testing, Oral Board Examinations and Background Investigations a final list was prepared.

On February 25, 2002 Officer Scott M. Dergham of Whitehall, PA was employed as an officer to fill the vacancy left when Officer Brian Rimple left the Department to take a position with the Lehigh County Drug Task Force in Allentown. Officer Dergham previously attended the Allentown Police Academy and served as a part-time officer in Hellertown and Catasauqua. He was also a full-time Corrections Officer Sergeant at the Lehigh County Prison. He holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Lehigh Carbon Community College.

On March 13, 2002 Officer Michael J. Munch of East Stroudsburg, PA was employed as a Police Officer. Officer Munch is an eleven-year veteran of the U.S. Army where he had been assigned as a Criminal Investigator with the rank of Sergeant. He is married with two children. Officer Munch will be attending the five month police training program at the Allentown Police Academy.

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Colonial Regional Police
Department

Incident Summary

March 2002

Enforcement and Personnel Allocations															
INCIDENT	BATH			HANOVER			LWR NAZ			CHAPMANS			TOTALS		
	MONTH	2002-2001		MONTH	2002-2001		MONTH	2002-2001		MONTH	2002-2001		MONTH	2002-2001	
Criminal Arrests	2	12	14	3	18	14	3	17	32	0	0	0	8	47	60
D.U.I.	0	3	3	1	2	5	2	4	4	1	2	1	4	11	13
Non Traffic Citation	2	7	17	2	17	21	6	16	26	0	0	0	10	40	64
Parking Tickets	18	37	56	4	18	25	11	25	84	0	2	0	33	82	165
Traffic Citation	19	118	74	37	156	257	48	154	213	0	0	0	104	428	544
Warning/Equipment	22	53	30	36	149	174	46	137	96	0	1	0	104	340	300
Total Enforcement	63	230	194	83	360	496	116	353	455	1	5	1	263	948	1146
Percent of Enforc.	23.95	24.31	16.92	31.55	38.05	43.28	44.1	37.31	39.70	0.38	.31	.08			
Percent of Time	18.41	18.08	15.57	40.06	41.17	43.17	39.5	39.62	42.12	1.33	1.12	1.01			
Patrol Time	465	1328	1134	1011	3023	3135	997	2909	3068	29.50	82.75	72.75	2502.5	7342	7410
Administrative Time	281	730	573	611	1656	1597	602	1596	1548				1494	3982	3718
Total Each Munic.	746	2058	1707	1622	4679	4732	1599	4504	4616	29.50	82.75	72.75	3996.5	11324	11128

Incident Totals										
	BATH		HANOVER		LWR. NAZ.		CHAPMANS		TOTALS	
	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR	MONTH	YEAR
Comparison 2001		393		767		602		12		1840
Total Incidents	157	378	259	716	242	644	9	20	710	1904
Percent of Incidents	22.11	19.85	36.47	37.6	34.08	33.82	1.26	1.05		

Note 1: Year Totals do not match mun. totals because assists and 61.75 hours for other events are included.

Note 2: The Admin. Hrs. include 528 hrs. of training this month and 1344 for the year.

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Hours of Operation
Mon-Fri 6:00am-10:00pm
Saturday 7:00am-6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm



HTCC Highlights

May

- 2-Healthy Bone Seminar -free lecture
- 3-TGIF Night
- 5-John Philip Sousa Concert-Free to all
- 14-Herbs to Use and Grow-Free lecture
- 17- Ready to Read Celebration
- 18-NE Shotokan Karate Tournament
- 31-5th Grade Dance

June

- 1- Art Show
- 24- Dip and Dance
- 29- HTCC Women's Summer Walk/Run
- Parks and Rec. Open
- Camps available @ HTCC
- Summer Reading Program/on-going
- Water aerobics @ Pool
- Summer basketball program @ HTCC

July

- 4-Happy 4th of July
- 20-Youth Triathlon
- 27-Swim Championships
- 29-Young at Heart Social-Herbal cooking
- Camps available @ HTCC
- Summer Reading Program/on-going
- Water aerobics @ pool

August

- 2-Dip & Dance @ pool
- 7-Life Guard Olympics
- 8- Parks Close
- 15-Ice Cream Reading Party 2:00 pm
- 20-Registration for Fall
- 24-First Strides Hanover II begins
- Water Aerobics @ pool
- Camps available @ HTCC

May 25, 2002 12 Noon— 6:00 p.m. Municipal Complex
Family Fun Day presented by The Hanover Township Special Events Committee

Honorable Steve Samuelson 135th Legislative District



Supervisor Chairman Salvesen presents Certificate of Appreciation to Representative Samuelson.

On Tuesday, March 19th, the Board of Supervisors presented the Honorable Steve Samuelson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Township as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Representative Samuelson had represented Hanover since December 1, 1998. As a result of legislative reapportionment Hanover Township was re-assigned from the 135th to the 138th legislative district.

Representative Samuelson thanked the Board and commented, "the good news for Hanover Township is that 138th District State Representative Craig Dally and I have a good working relationship, and we are working closely together this year as Hanover becomes a part of the 138th District. In many respects, Hanover will have the benefit of having two representatives throughout the Transition period."

He continued, "The wonderful community spirit that permeates Hanover Township has left a lasting impression on me and my family. We have felt fortunate to be a part of so many activities ranging from the Halloween Parade to the Hanover and Asa Packer Schools spring festivals to the summer reading program at the Community Center and the 200th Anniversary Dance a few years ago. The Hanover Township Community Center is bursting with activity, and is the envy of the Lehigh Valley. The high energy of the Community Center is reflective of the high energy of Hanover Township itself. I will sincerely miss representing the 10,000 resident of Hanover Township in the future."

Colonial Regional Police *continued*

POLICE SUPERVISORS SELECTED TO ATTEND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Sgt. Michael S. Melinsky completed the prestigious Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command on April 14, 2002. This was a three-month program conducted by Northwestern University Faculty at the Philadelphia Police Academy and is recognized as one of the best in the Country to prepare police supervisors for future police leadership roles in their community.

Lt. James G. DePalma left on April 7th to attend the three-month FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and will graduate June 14th. This is another prestigious program recognized word over for its quality of training and preparation of police leaders for their communities. He is one of six Pennsylvania Police Officers selected for the course and will be attending with police administrators from across the United States and other countries.

Sgt. Roy D. Seiple attended the FBI National Academy two years ago. The Department is fortunate to have had the opportunity to send three officers to these programs. The citizens of the communities they serve will benefit greatly from the training and experience they have had.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

"Water"

In the last issue of the Hanoverview, we listed tree care tips to keep your trees healthy: mulch (2 to 4" deep), water during dry spells, and prune branches that are rubbing or form a tight "V".

Because of the drought restrictions in place this year, the City of Bethlehem Water Department has clarified the use of water for trees and landscaping.

Trees and landscaping can be watered from 5 PM to 9 AM with a hand-held hose with a shut-off, a watering can or bucket. A very effective way to water young trees is to take a 5-gallon plastic bucket and punch some holes in the bottom with nails. Set this bucket on the mulched area around the trunk and let the water slowly drip out.

Lack of water usually does not kill a tree immediately but stresses it and makes it more susceptible to insects and disease, which will weaken and eventually kill the tree. This is especially true for red maple trees, which used to be called "Swamp" maples.

Providing a good area of mulch around the trunk also helps to keep the soil moist and cool.

If the drought continues, and we do not get enough rain, water your trees well once a week. Taking care of your trees is a wise investment; if they die, you will have to replace them.

Remember to get a permit in the Township office if your street tree dies. You may not cut down a live tree in the Township right-of-way without permission from the Shade Tree Commission.



Asa Packer School News

As the calendar was turned to the month of February, the Asa Packer community had a "whole lot of heart" as our Student Council representatives conducted a drive to collect personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, hair spray, toothpaste and tooth brushes, socks and slippers. These items were donated to the residents of Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, a shelter to aid victims of domestic violence.

A favorite activity that the Student Council representatives look forward to is being a guest reader at Country Meadows Assisted Living Home. Several times throughout the school year, the residents are delighted to hear the children read such stories as Curious George, The Rainbow Fish, and Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. The children not only read stories and poems to the residents, but they have also developed friendships as they enjoy telling about themselves. This always brightens the day of our senior citizens.

Asa Packer students and their teachers have been "Puma Partners" to each other throughout the 2001-2002 school year. Through this program, kindergartners and third graders, first and fifth graders, and second and fourth graders have been working together twice a month on a variety of curriculum areas and having lots of fun in the process. A few of the activities they have shared have been reading, writing and illustrating stories, playing math games, working with pattern blocks, and solving problems. They have also helped each other on the computer, and made puppets and holiday decorations, just to name a few.

As part of the program, students have also collaborated with the art teacher, Mrs. Linda Kondikoff, on a baby p apier mach e puma, creating a "partner" for the giant father puma which has welcomed everyone to the school since 1984. Mrs. Kondikoff was also responsible for "Pa." The Asa Packer Puma's partner will make her grand arrival at the school in time for School Spirit Day on May 23, 2002. Student Council has been coordinating the election process as the students vote for names for father and daughter. Asa Packer will be decked out in the school colors of blue and white, and a few other surprises are planned as well to celebrate the big day.

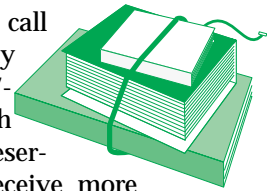
The Asa Packer PTO provides enthusiastic support for the children and staff of the school all year long. Through their generosity everyone has enjoyed assemblies on topics as varied as Art, American History, Literature, and Science. Asa Packer parents are truly wonderful partners in the education of their children.

A favorite annual event sponsored by the PTO is the Asa Packer Fun Festival. This year it will be held at the school on June 14, 2002 from 3:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. The festival will include food, children's games and crafts, theme baskets, and many other surprises. Come join in the fun!



Get "READY TO READ" again!

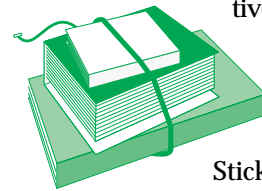
Hanover Township Community Center and Lehigh Valley PBS are getting "Ready to Read" again! June will be *Hanover Township Literacy Month* and the start of the HTCC Summer Reading Program and we want to start it right! The kick-off party will be held at the Community Center on Friday, May 17th from 12:00 until 2:00p.m. Tele Bear and Thunder will be there to meet all of the children ages 2-6 who want to get "Ready to Read". There will be food, fun, prizes, guest readers, and information on how to start your children on the road to reading. Every child who comes will receive a free book to take home from Tele Bear. Please call the Community Center, 610-317-8701 by May 15th to make your reservations or to receive more information.



Free lunch will include subs from Wegmans subs, Pane e Vino Pizza, Pepsi Fruitworks juice, fruit and cookies.

Doorprizes: Tickets for the Allentown Ambassador's, Valley Dawg's and the Allentown Fair. Gift certificates from Westgate Mall, Wegmans, Holiday Inn Gateway and Steak & Ale. Plus many other great prizes!

Guest Readers: State Representatives Craig Dally and Steve Samuelson, Dr. Pagano, the **Tooth Fairy**, Allentown Ambassadors, Valley Dawgs, US Army Captain Thomas, Morrie Pulley (Executive Director for Congressman Toomey), Colleen Kenaley from Westgate Mall, Kevin Stickles from Wegmans, Carol Leasure and Deb Roeder (elementary school principals).



The Bethlehem Public Library Bookmobile will be there for all to browse and join.

Kids will also receive a goody bag with a National Wildlife Magazine, tips on reading, prizes and more.

LIONS CLUB – HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER HOLDING A BONTON CARE TO SHARE DAY

The Hanover Township Lions Club and the Community Center are teaming up to raise funds for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Center. The AED device has become an important part of our lives and is being put in more and more public places. On Wednesday, June 12, 2002 the BONTON will hold a Care to Share Day. This event offers the Lions Club and the Community Center a premier fundraising opportunity.

Nearly 300,000 people die each year in the US alone due to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. When seconds count, CPR and 911 are not enough. Most cardiac arrests are due to an abnormal heart rhythm known as an arrhythmia.

Ventricular Fibrillation (VF) is the most common condition causing sudden cardiac arrest. The electrical impulse in the heart becomes suddenly chaotic, much like an electrical storm. This prevents the heart's ability to pump effectively. When this occurs, the victim loses consciousness, has no

pulse and loses their ability to breathe effectively. Death follows within minutes.

Defibrillation is the only therapy for VF. The electrical shock delivered by a defibrillator can restore a normal rhythm if done within minutes of the arrest. Research shows that survival decreases by 7 to 10 percent for every minute that passes without defibrillation.

With today's new generation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), it is now possible for trained lay rescuers to deliver defibrillation. AEDs are safe, lightweight, easy to maintain and most importantly easy to use.

Tickets to this event sell for \$5.00 each and all proceeds go directly towards the AED. Tickets are available now and can be purchased from members of the Lions Club and at the Community Center. Anyone with questions or wishing to help can contact Bernice Kulp at 610.865.5440 or Cathy Heimsoth at the Center at 610.317.8701.

IMPRESSIONS

The General Assembly took steps on March 13 to avert a medical crisis in the Commonwealth as we passed House Bill 1802, a package of medical malpractice insurance reform measures.

This bill addressed many of the concerns and problems with medical malpractice insurance rates and the issue of tort reform. It will reduce insurance costs that are driving doctors from their practices by targeting lawsuits and medical errors that drive up costs for everyone. However, it is just the first step toward providing meaningful reform to the system.

We knew going into the process that we had to provide immediate relief from the skyrocketing malpractice insurance premiums, especially for high-risk specialists such as OB-GYNs and neurosurgeons. This meant redirecting some state funds and setting standards that cut costs while protecting patients' rights.

To reduce frivolous litigation that drives up costs, the measure includes several tort reforms, such as a provision that requires patients to file lawsuits within seven years of an alleged incident. The Senate also added language to better enable health care providers to argue against excessively large awards and to create stricter criteria for determining when a hospital can be drawn into a lawsuit.

In addition, the bill prohibits the seeking of damages for past bills or lost earnings that were already covered by insurance or other payments and requires those who testify as "experts" in malpractice cases to meet stricter standards of competency.

The reform package also targets another cause of rising health care costs – medical errors – by estab-

By State Sen. Charles W. Dent, 16th Senatorial District

lishing a State Patient Safety Authority and requiring medical facilities to create patient safety committees. The committees will collect information on incidents that injured – or could have injured – patients. Health care facilities will also have to establish systems enabling employees to report incidents 24 hours a day, every day, without retaliation.

The bill also tightens reporting requirements for doctors, including the mandatory reporting of all civil complaints brought against them. They would have to also notify the state if they have been subject to disciplinary action in another state, or if they have been arrested for felony or drug offenses.

As I said before, this legislation is a good starting point, but the General Assembly must continue looking at the issue of venue shopping. HB 1802 addresses the issue of venue by establishing a commission to review the problem and recommend legislative and procedural changes by Sept. 1, 2002.

We know that too many hospitals and health care professionals are dragged into courts in communities far from where incidents occur. It is no secret that litigants often work to get their cases into Philadelphia courts where awards are traditionally higher than anywhere else in the Commonwealth.

I look forward to seeing the commission's recommendations on this issue.

Developing a malpractice reform measure required tremendous compromise. HB 1802 successfully balances the rights of patients to pursue legitimate complaints with the need to keep good doctors working in Pennsylvania by bringing down rates. It's a measure that works well for Pennsylvania.



Spotlight on Reading: Be a Star @ Your Library! Preschoolers through teens can register for the 2002 Summer Reading Program at the Bethlehem Area Public Library (Central Library, South Side Branch, and Bookmobile) beginning June 10.

Earn **cool prizes** for books you have to read for school or books that you are just reading for your own enjoyment. (Last day to pick up prizes is August 3).

Craft programs every Tuesday at 11:30 beginning June 18 at the South Side Branch, 4th & Webster Streets, and on Wednesday at 10:30 on June 19, July 10 and July 24 at the Central Library, 11 W. Church St.

Get prizes for completing **puzzles** during the weeks of July 1 and July 29. Register for special programs:

Up, Up & Away with the Mad Scientist: create a hot air balloon, release fireballs from candles & take a float on the Mad Science hovercraft in this exciting, interactive presentation – June 26 at 10:30 AM at the Central Library; *Date to be announced* at the South Side Branch

Harry Potter Wand-Making Workshop: Wear something magical and join other wizards-in-training to craft a dazzling wand. (*ages 8 – 11*) – June 20 at 6:30 PM at the South Side Branch; July 11 at 6:30 PM at the Central Library

Cat's Pajamas: Be entertained with music that ranges from Latin to rock along with jazz and swing by this energetic crowd-pleasing group that adds a hefty dose of humor to their polished act. The PA Library Association has chosen the Cat's Pajamas as the state musicians, and they have composed the statewide summer reading program's theme song. They combine music, dance, puppetry, and madcap theatrics in their repertoire – July 16 at 2:30 PM at the Central Library

New this summer: **A Teen Reading Club** created by a newly formed Teen Advisory Board with specially selected reading incentives.

Book Discussions for 4th & 5th grade, middle school & high school. Contact the Youth Services Department for details.

Summer Storytime for preschool through kindergarten children. (No pre-registration required for the 8 week session)

Evening Teddy Bear Story Times for preschool through third grade children at the Central Library and the South Side Branch.

For detailed information and schedules visit the library's web site at www.bapl.org.

Summer Bookmobile Schedule

The Summer Bookmobile Schedule is available on the Hanover Township Website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org) on the Current Township News and Events page.

Patients and Doctors Win with Medical Malpractice Legislation

By Representative Craig A. Dally, 138th Legislative District

Pennsylvania's health care system has been dealing with an increasing exodus of doctors due to the growing medical malpractice crises, which is threatening to diminish hospital services and compromise patient care.

Since 1975, doctors and hospitals have been required to purchase insurance through the state's Catastrophe Loss (CAT) Fund to address a shortage in liability insurance. This is coupled with their private liability insurance. Over the years medical liability lawsuits have increased dramatically and the claims paid out have been exorbitant, forcing all liability insurance rates to increase exponentially. Therein lies the problem.

Doctors cannot afford to keep paying such high rates, so they are retiring early or leaving the Commonwealth to practice in one of our neighboring states that has dramatically lower insurance requirements. Without enough doctors, some hospitals are being forced to close their trauma centers or are choosing not to perform certain high-risk surgical procedures and operations, which is greatly impacting patient care.

State legislators have been wrestling with how best to solve this comprehensive and complex problem that had to include reforming the legal system and CAT Fund, while ensuring patient care. I'm proud to say that the House took the first step in these reforms with the passage of House Bill 1802. Not only does the bill prepare for the eventual phase-out of the CAT Fund, but along with key amendments to the legislation, legal reform and patient safety are also addressed.

In addition, legislation aimed at decreasing the number of frivolous lawsuits was passed in the House this past December, which should help reduce the high number of medical liability cases lacking merit. Although every patient has the right to sue and be compensated for damages, we need to take into consideration that 90 percent of medical malpractice lawsuits in Philadelphia alone are found to be without merit and that Pennsylvania has some of the highest jury awards in the country. These two factors are working against doctors and hospitals, who are continually trying to provide quality care while spending hundreds of thousands of dollars fighting lawsuits and paying for liability insurance.

House Bill 1802 makes changes to the legal process surrounding medical malpractice claims, including when and where cases can be filed and how awards will be paid. This way we can make sure that plaintiffs are compensated while taking reasonable steps to help doctors and hospitals.

The legislation will also step-up patient care through the creation of an 11-member Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority, which will make recommendations on how to provide the safest and best care to patients. In addition, physicians and hospitals that have repeat payouts from insurance companies will be reviewed by the licensure board.

Taking care of Pennsylvania means taking care of the people of Pennsylvania and providing them with safe quality care when they need it most. The House has taken a bold step with this legislation and will continue working toward making Pennsylvania's health care system the best in the nation.

MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards and Commissions for 2002. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road. All meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. except where noted. Residents are urged to attend these meetings. Don't let one of these boards decision effect you without your input!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Regular meetings are held the **SECOND** and **FOURTH TUESDAY** of each month.
Workshop sessions are held the **THIRD 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 8:00 p.m.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month starting at 8:00 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.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: Meetings are held the **SECOND MONDAY** of each month. 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.
Remaining meetings for 200 are June, August, October & December.

Agendas and minutes are posted on www.hanovertwp-nc.org