



West Hanover Township News

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Board of Supervisors

- Adam Klein, Chairman
- Jay Megonnell, Vice-Chair
- Donald Steinmeier, Sec/Trea
- Harold Harman
- Gloria Zimmerman

Township Facilities

Municipal Building
 7171 Allentown Blvd
 652-4841/Fax 652-8158

**Public Works Dept.
 (Compost Center)**
 402 N Fairville Avenue
 652-1054/Fax 909-0660

Water & Sewer Auth.
 7901 Jonestown Road
 540-0124/Fax 901-3942

Recreation Center
 628 Walnut Avenue
 724-0083/Fax 724-0086

Fairville Park
 1000 N Fairville Avenue

Lenker Park
 7555 Manor Drive

Houck Memorial Park
 141 Florence Drive

Skyline Commons Park
 305 Short Street

Plowing Procedures

During a weather event the Township Public Works department generally plows the major thoroughfares: Jonestown Road, Piketown Road, Manor Drive, Fairville Avenue, and Devonshire Heights Road, first and they are kept clear as much as possible. From there the road crew then works outward to the side streets and developments.

Please keep obstructions to a minimum of three (3) feet off the edge of the road to allow snow plows room to work.

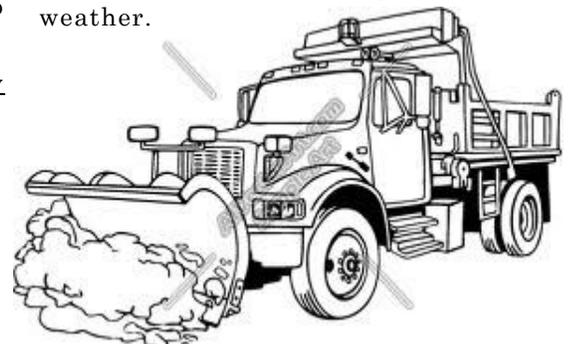
The Township does not plow any private roads or driveways.



This makes it impossible for crews to keep the roads open.

Do not park on snow emergency routes or roads posted with No Parking signs. The Roadmaster has the authority to have your car towed. The Board of Supervisors has appointed HJ Towing & Recovery, Inc. as the approved towing service and storage garage.

Please be advised that snow emergency routes and no parking areas will be strictly enforced during inclement weather.



**Township Building Closed - Christmas Holiday - December 24 & 25
 New Year's Holiday - January 1**
The Board of Supervisors & Staff wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

PennDOT is responsible for state roads including: Oak Grove Road, Green Hill Road, Red Top Road, Allentown Boulevard (Rt. 22), Linglestown Road (Rt. 39) and Fishing Creek Valley Road (Rt. 441). If you have a problem with a state road, please contact PennDOT at 1-800-349-7623.

Please be considerate during snowstorms. Do not shovel snow from your driveway out into the street.

Snow and ice is required to be removed from sidewalks and parking areas within twenty-four (24) hours of a snow event.

The West Hanover Water and Sewer Authority has a vacancy on the board. Please see page 16 for more details.



Meeting Dates

DECEMBER

12/1/14 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
12/4/14 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
12/09/14 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
12/11/14 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
12/15/14 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
12/16/14 Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
12/17/14 Parks & Recreation Board	7 PM
12/18/14 Planning Commission	7 PM

JANUARY

1/2/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30 PM
1/5/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
1/8/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
1/13/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7 PM
1/20/15 Board of Supervisors	7PM
1/21/15 Parks and Recreation Board	7PM
TBA Water & Sewer Authority	6PM
1/22/15 Planning Commission	7PM

FEBRUARY

2/2/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
2/5/15 Public Safety Advisory Board	6:30PM
2/10/15 Environmental Advisory Council	7PM
2/12/15 Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 PM
2/17/15 Board of Supervisors	7 PM
TBA Water & Sewer Authority	6 PM
2/18/15 Parks & Recreation Board	7PM
2/26/15 Planning Commission	7 PM

All meetings are at the Municipal Building,
7171 Allentown Boulevard
except

PSAB-Fire Station - 7624 Jonestown Road
Parks and Rec. - 628 Walnut Avenue
Water and Sewer Auth. - 7901 Jonestown Rd.

West Hanover Township

Phone Numbers:

Main:	(717) 652-4841
Codes:	(717) 540-6080
Parks:	(717) 724-0083
Zoning:	(717) 540-6075
Public Works:	(717) 652-1054
Water & Sewer:	(717) 540-0124
Tax Office:	(717) 545-1200 (lower level of Twp. bldg.)

STAFF:

Daniel Rosario, Township Manager
Lisa Riley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Peggy Marks, Administrative Assistant
Charles Kolanda, Codes Administrator
Brian Von Neida, PT Zoning and Planning
Tara Rex, Zoning Administrative Assistant
Harold Harman, Public Works Director
Chris Mumma, Assist. Roadmaster
Dale Zimmerman, Road Crew
David Wickenheiser, Road Crew
David Smith, Road Crew
Tom Rothenberger, Road Crew
David Wollerton, Road Crew
Bill Sheriff, PT Compost Attendant
Dixie Fesig, Parks & Rec. Coordinator
Mary Lou Adams, PT Parks Admin. Assist.
Marge Stahr, PT Parks Admin. Assist.
Susan Boyne, PT Parks Admin. Assist.
Drew Fillo, PT Parks & Rec. Maintenance
Tim Patrick, PT Parks & Rec. Maintenance



Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors Actions

2014.01 Flod Tract, Conditional Use Variance: Adam and Cara Flod, applicant, property located on the west side of Mumma Road, Tax Parcel # 68-003-023, requesting a conditional use approval in order to construct a single family dwelling in the C (Conservation) Zoning District. Approved.

2014.02 Deaven Lot # 4, Conditional Use Variance: Jeffry Deibler, applicant, property located at the intersection of Green Hill Road and S. Clover Lane, Tax Parcel # 68-030-253, requesting a conditional use approval in order to construct a driveway crossing, maintenance access, and minor fill encroachment.

12.007 Creekvale Phase I: The builders have changed for this phase; new numbers have lower impervious coverage totals than the previously approved plans. This was presented before the PC and the BOS as a courtesy review.

Brookview Phase III Easement Removal: There has been an easement recorded on the plan that serves no purpose and the developer wishes to remove it or allow for the homeowners to be able to construct a fence within the easement. This is currently under review

by the Township Solicitor and new documents will be drawn up for those properties affected by this easement.

Grumbine's RV/Camping World Modified Site Plan: Grumbine's RV/Camping World is actually being brought into compliance on all 3 lots and will be decreasing impervious coverage.

2014.06 Yingst Rezoning: Yingst Homes, Inc., c/o John Zervanos, applicant, property located at the corner of N. Hershey Road and Manada View Drive, Tax Parcel # 68-024-222, requesting to rezone 1.5 acres from R2 (medium Density Residential) to CH (Commercial Highway). Approved.

14.002 7166 Jonestown Road Sub-division: Lot # 1 is the existing lot, Tax Parcel # 68-028-006 that would like to be subdivided into two separate lots: Lot # 2 (new vacant lot). Lot # 1 has several non-conforming attributes and they are noted on the plan. Lot # 2 would be a conforming vacant lot. Approved.

14.003 Ted's Bar & Grill: Land development plan for a restaurant/bar of approximately 10,200 square feet with parking and outside deck. Plans are in process.

Planning Commission Members

Jim Zeiters, Chairman
 Gerald Longenecker, Vice Chairman
 Jim Shandersky, Secretary
 Charles Ankney
 Tom Stewart
 John Fox
 Kyle Miller
 Albert T. Brulo, HRG Township Eng.
 Elijah Yearick, DCPC Rep.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Tax Office Hours

Tax Collector: Tom Stewart
Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesday 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

(located in lower level)

Please note that the Tax Office will be closed from December 22 through December 26.

Additional Hours in December:
Mon., December 29th, 9 AM to 1 PM
Tues., December 30th, 9 AM to 1 PM
Wed., December 31st, 2 PM to 6 PM

Zoning Hearing Board Actions

Variance Application #2014.03: Goran and Beth Bulatovic, owners. Requesting variances to Section 195-94.B, E, F, I & K, 195-155.A (1) to expand an existing non-conforming detached accessory structure located at 7209 Creek Bottom Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcel #68-022-125 in the R1 (low density residential) zoning district. Approved.

Variance Application #2014.05: Steve Miller, owner. Requesting variance to Section 195-95.A. (7) requesting relief from the maximum accessory building

size located at 7674 Manor Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112, tax parcel #68-024-053 in the R2 (medium density residential) zoning district. Approved.



Zoning Hearing Board Members

Rick Caranfa, Chairman
 Matthew Miller, Vice Chairman
 Mary Ann Yahn, Hearing Officer
 Beth Carricato
 Erich Bair
 Ron Lawson, 1st Alternate
 P. Daniel Altland, Solicitor

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM

West Hanover Township Historical Society by Skip Smedley

The historical society continues to be involved in various activities within the township.

On a beautiful day, Saturday August 16, 2014, members of the society participated in the annual Community Festival that was held in Houck Manor Park adjacent to the Recreation Center.

The October 16, 2014 West Hanover Township Historical Society program and meeting was held at the Recreation Center with over 50 members, family and others in attendance. The program honored the Hetrick Family, long time residents of West Hanover Township. It was presented by Jonathan Hetrick, son of Debbie and Bruce Hetrick, and grandson of Mary and Quentin Hetrick. He shared genealogical information and pictures and gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the history of the family. Some items on display were handmade by Quentin.



Diane, Mary Jane and Joanne
at 2014 Community Festival



Jonathan making
his presentation

Refreshments were then served, and a business meeting was held. The slate of officers for 2015 was presented and accepted at the meeting and basically remains the same as for 2014 except for some director changes.

Members met at the Sandy Hollow Cemetery on October 25 for a cleanup and maintenance day. Also members are working on designs for mounting of the dinner bell from Kamp Kiwanis in a location near the Recreation Center. It was given to the society by Shirley Long.

A Tour of the John Harris Mansion for society members is tentatively planned for Thursday, December 11.

The annual Yule Log Burn & Carol Sing will take place on Sunday evening, December 7, 2014. It will combine with the Firemen's Christmas Run, and Park & Rec's tree lighting to form a Community Holiday Celebration at the Recreation Center. Everyone is invited.

Copies of *The Old Day and Ways - West Hanover Township, 1785-2010 Volume II* are available for \$20.00 as well as *Remembering our One Room Schools* booklet for \$5.00 and *Honoring Veterans of West Hanover Township* booklet for \$5.00 or free to veterans. They may be purchased at the Township Municipal Building. A copy would make a nice holiday gift for friends or family members interested in our local history.

Little Free Library is Open in West Hanover Township By Robert R. Jones



The Library is located at 7810 Allentown Boulevard. This is a little library for children. It was opened by Bob and Marge Jones in memory of their son John who died in an automobile accident in 1993.

There is no charge to use the Library, the concept is to take and place. There are some very nice books currently available including Tom Saw-

yer, Huckleberry Finn, Heidi, Gulliver's Travels, 3 Musketeers, Black Beauty, Treasure Island and other very nice books. Take a book, read it and return it or if you have extra children's books please place them in the Library. Don't forget to sign the guest register. To learn more about Little Free Library check the web site at www.littlefreelibrary.com or look up Little Free Library on the web.



Happy reading to all and remember we should all take time from our busy schedules for some pleasure reading.



"The Gopher" - WHT Senior Citizens Van

Dirt From the Gopher Hole by Claire Zeiters

"What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others?" George Eloit

The Perkins Dine to Donate continues to be very successful. Please mark your calendars for the second Thursday of every month, take your family and help raise money for the vans. Each person can have a coupon and the more coupons the more money. This will help pay the bills and keep the vans running. Coupons are available at the township building, Fulton Bank, Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church and the Wonders Found Thrift Store on Rt. 22. You can also call 717-652-1408 for coupons.

We also thank Fulton Bank for their continued support of our program. They have a donation jar inside the door so if you have loose change, bills work also, drop them in the container.

There are also donation jars at Perkins, Skyline Family Restaurant and JoJo's Pizza. If you stop by any of these busi-

nesses you can put your spare change in those jars.

All the above help put money into our accounts so we can pay our own bills and purchase a new van and we appreciate everyone who helps us in this.

We are getting into the winter months so we expect bad weather. If the weather is such that the van will not go we will call you as soon as possible to let you know. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Please note that the vans will not be running on Christmas Day, December 25 and New Years Day, January 1, 2015.

Van office hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Remember to call at least 24 hours in advance to schedule rides. Same day service is not possible because both vans can be very busy most days and it is not possible to fit someone in the schedule at the last minute.

Requirements to use the van service:

- Age 60 or older;
- Resident of WHT
- Able to get in and out of the van with minimal assistance. We are not permitted to take wheelchairs.

West Hanover Citizens Helping Hands by Patrick Toone

WHCHH is an all-volunteer group of township residents helping other less able residents with weeding, bush trimming, and other light yard work. This service is vital to our neighboring senior citizens, physically challenged, military families and "first responders."



2014 continues to be a busy year for the volunteers. There were lots of requests for help and we were able to accommodate all. Not an easy task without a pickup to haul yard waste. The WHCHH crew was very fortunate to gain some new volunteers this season and I look forward to working with a fantastic group of folks in 2015. New volunteers are always welcome. Help out your community.

For assistance or to volunteer, please contact Patrick Toone at westhanoverchh@gmail.com or call him at 657-3644.



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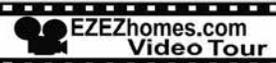
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Remembering Roland Bergner: The Bluebird Whisperer

It is said that “bluebirders have a quickness in their step and a twinkle in their eye” and so it was when Roland Bergner talked about the Eastern bluebird.

Roland passed away in October and will be remembered for his knowledge, skill and endless enthusiasm for bluebirds.

In 2010, Roland, a West Hanover Township resident and retired Game Commission employee, worked with the Environmental Advisory Council to establish the Eastern Bluebird Trail at Skyline Commons Park.

Roland was not satisfied to just place the bluebird boxes around the walking path in the park. He also maintained the boxes and posts, cleaned the boxes in late winter, monitored nests, counted eggs, watched for fledglings, banded the young, followed up throughout the summer and wrote a summary on each year's breeding results for the EAC Annual Report. And he shared his enthusiasm and knowledge with the EAC members who helped him on the trail.



Roland Bergner, left, and EAC member John Miele, install a bluebird box along the Skyline Commons Park Eastern Bluebird Trail.

EAC NEWS

1989-2014

25 years of

Community Service

Environmental Advisory Council Members

- Patti Estheimer, Chairman
- John Miele, Vice-Chairman
- Audrey Crichton, Secretary
- Evelyn Burton, Treasurer
- Robert Nicolodi
- John Acri
- Carol Buskirk



As a licensed bird bander, Roland banded many young bluebirds along the Skyline Commons Park Eastern Bluebird Trail that he established in 2010.

Roland was as excited about discovering the first bluebird egg of the season, as he was seeing the fledglings take flight. He said that each time he checked the boxes there was always a surprise.

Scores of bluebirds found shelter, laid eggs and successfully raised young, and will continue to do so for years to come at Skyline Commons Eastern Bluebird Trail because of Roland's dedication and commitment to the bluebird.

He will be remembered for his conservation efforts and his stewardship, and he will be missed as a friend.

The EAC would like to hear from YOU!

For over 25 years the EAC has brought environmental programs, workshops and seminars to the residents of West Hanover Township. Now, we'd like to hear what programs would be of interest to you. Please list your ideas. No need to include your name or contact info unless you'd like to.

Cut this out and mail to:

WHT EAC, 7171 Allentown Blvd. Harrisburg, PA 17112

Or, email your ideas to pmarks@westhanover.com or trex@westhanover.com

Thank You! for your participation in this survey



Recycling Reminder

Check out the West Hanover Township Recycling brochure available on line at www.westhanover.com or pick one up in the township office to know what and how to recycle. Brochure includes information on curbside, yard and leaf waste, WHT Compost Center, oil and antifreeze and e-cycling.



You are recycling aren't you?

Don't have a recycling container? West Hanover Township does not require residents to have an official recycling container. A recycling container can be as simple as a plastic garbage can. Basically, whatever suits your recycling needs. The point is to **RECYCLE!** To further help Waste Management identify your recycling from trash containers **free recycling container stickers** are available at the township office.

As many West Hanover Township residents already know beginning in January 2013 electronics like TVs, computers, printers, radios, pagers, cell phones, etc., **must not** be placed with your trash. The Covered Device Recycling Act required that all electronics be properly recycled.

Now you can recycle your electronics FREE at West Hanover Township Compost Center, 402 N. Fairville Ave. Please call the township office at 652-4841 for times of operation. You do not need to have a Compost sticker to recycle electronics.

You can also recycle electronics at Dauphin County Recycling Center 1620 South 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. To see what additional items they take see WHT Recycling Brochure or call the Dauphin County Recycling Center at 717-982-6772.

Remember to: RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

GO GREEN:
 Receive the Township
 Newsletter via
 e-mail instead of having it
 mailed to you.
 Send your request to:
pmarks@westhanover.com

EAC Upcoming Events

Event: Winter Wings Birding Workshop
Free: Workshop sponsored by the WHT. Environmental Advisory Council.
Date: Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m. to Noon
Location: West Hanover Township Rec Center, 628 Walnut Avenue

Local veteran birder Pam Parson, will once again bring her many years of experience as a bird walk leader at Wildwood, Dauphin County, to West Hanover Township's backyard. From the comfort of the Rec Center (no bird walk) Pam will share her experience on the how's and why's of winter bird feeding; provide insight as to how birds survive the cold winter; what food is best for winter bird feeding; what species will likely be seen over the winter; and answer your birding questions. She will also talk about proper use and care of binoculars.

The workshop is appropriate for all ages, however, children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Register by calling the township office at (717) 652-4841, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be refreshments and Door Prizes!

Reminder: Christmas Tree Pickup

West Hanover Township residents are reminded they can recycle their Christmas trees at curbside. Waste Management is scheduled to pick up Christmas trees at curbside January 5th through January 9th and again on January 19th through January 23rd, 2015, **on your regular trash day.**

Do not bag trees and make sure they are bare with all decorations removed.

If you miss those dates you will have to hang on to your tree until the Compost Center opens in March.



Naturalize Your Yard: Ideas to Protect and Preserve Natural Resources While Saving Money

Plant Trees. Trees filter pollutants from water, produce oxygen, remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and provide habitat. Trees can act as windbreaks to reduce heating bills by 10-20% and shade and cool your house in the summer. They can increase your curbside appeal and property value.

Create a Rain Garden. Rain gardens collect and soak up water from downspouts. They are attractive solutions to retaining and filtering water. Rain gardens protect local waterways by filtering pollutants and recharging the groundwater supply.

Reduce Mowed Areas. Landscape naturally with native wildflowers, meadow grasses, trees and shrubs to attract butterflies, beneficial pollinators and other wildlife to your yard. A native wildflower or butterfly garden will boost the aesthetics of your property.

Add Wildlife Boxes to your Landscape. Wildlife boxes create additional habitat for threatened species and are easy to make.

Install a Rain Barrel. Rain barrels catch rain water (free!) that can be used for watering plants in yard and garden and washing your car. They help conserve groundwater resources and decrease water bills.

Plant a Backyard Vegetable and Fruit Garden. Vegetable and fruit gardens provide your family with fresher, cheaper, and more nutritious produce. Planting a 10 foot by 10 foot area will yield over \$700 in produce.

Create a Compost Pile. According to the EPA, the average person generates almost 1.5 pounds of food

waste per day. This amounts to over 13% of the total garbage that people throw away. By composting your food scraps with leaves and grass clippings the results will be rich, nutrient-filled organic matter to enrich your soil.

Mow High. Mowing your grass at 3 to 4 inches in height discourages weeds and reduces the need for fertilizers on your yard, thus improving local stream health.

Leave the Clippings. Instead of paying for fertilizers, leave the grass clippings and mow over fallen leaves. It's the most efficient way to return nutrients and organic matter to the soil and creates a healthier yard.

Limit the Use Pesticides. Pesticides not only kill pests; but can also kill beneficial insects and microorganisms that improve the soil. Pests can develop resistance to pesticides, requiring more frequent and/or more toxic applications. Encourage beneficial insects and pollinators with native landscaping and pollinator habitat boxes.

Remove Invasive Plants from Your Yard. Invasive plants are exotic species that were either intentionally or inadvertently introduced from other regions. Invasive plants reproduce rapidly and spread aggressively, forming stands that can exclude nearly all other plants. They displace desirable native plants and damage ecosystem processes. Invasive plants are a serious problem throughout the state; over 27% of the vascular plant species now growing within the borders of Pennsylvania are not native. Remove invasive plants from your yard and replace them with native plants.

For information on these ideas and more visit <http://extension.psu.edu/>.

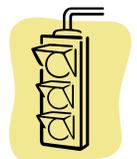
Update on Devonshire Heights Road and Route 39 Project by Donald Steinmeier, Supervisor

The West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors has taken the initiative to solve the safety issue at Devonshire Heights Road and Rt. 39 in Hanoverdale. The Board of Supervisors would like to see a traffic signal at this intersection as requested by the residents in that area. The Board of Supervisors have moved ahead to borrow \$825,000 for this project.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's District 8 office has told West Hanover Township that there are not enough accidents at this intersection to justify a signal light. Imagine, not enough accidents to justify a signal light. This has always been a problem with PennDOT in solving traffic problems.

The West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors is prepared to fund this project 100%. PennDOT's response is that a traffic signal light is not needed. Rep. Ron Marsico, our 105th Legislative District Representative has become involved in this project for the township residents

The West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors will be moving forward to gather traffic study information and citizen input to help convince PennDOT that a traffic signal is needed at this intersection in Hanoverdale. Without PennDOT's approval for this project, this intersection will remain a traffic hazard for our residents.





Winter Recreation Catalog

Park & Recreation Board Members

Jeff Holt, Chairman
 Linda Turns, Vice-Chair
 Rebecca Schwartz
 Debra Hetrick
 Gloria Zimmerman
 Jan Bahret
 Michael Karp

Recreation Coordinator: Dixie Fesig (dfesig@westhanover.com)

Registration forms are available on the Township website

www.westhanover.com or at the Parks and Recreation Office:

628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa 17112

For information about Parks and Recreation Activities, please phone 717-724-0083.

fax 717-724-0086

Pinochle Card Club *Dec. 26, Jan. 9, 23,
Feb. 6, 20, and March 6*

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

You can register individually or as a team!
 Refreshments provided. Prize awarded to the highest score player.

Fee: \$18 Res./\$23 Non-res.

Registration Deadline: December 17, 2014

Zumba *Mondays 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM Tina
Wednesdays 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Pam
Saturday 9:00 PM - 10:00 AM Pam*

Zumba is a Latin inspired dance fitness program which is exhilarating, effective, and easy to follow. All ages and fitness levels welcome.

Taught by Certified ZUMBA Instructors: Pam Blanch-Friedrich & Tina Sansoni.

Fee: All classes \$5 drop in.

Activity Night at the Recreation Center

*Thursday Nights: January 15 and February 19, 2015
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM*

Come out and join the WHT. Parks and Recreation Department in air hockey, ping pong, scrabble, checkers, scooter basketball and more. Keep active over the winter and meet new people.

Fee: Activity Night is free, however you must pre-register. Food will be available for purchase. All parents must sign a liability waiver form.

Karate *Ongoing program, starting the first Tuesday or Thursday of each month.*

Karate Tigers Ages: 5-7

Time: Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Fee: Once a week (4 classes) \$35 Res./\$40 Non-res.

Karate Dragons Ages: 8 and up

Time: Tuesday and/or Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Fee: Once a week (4 classes) \$38 Res./\$40 Non-res.

* Jr. Black Belt \$25

Twice a week (8 classes) \$54.50 Res./\$57.50 Non-res.

Silver Sneakers Strength and Balance

A low-impact class designed to help you improve flexibility and balance while increasing muscular endurance. This is an ongoing class held on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 AM.

Fee: Free to all Silver Sneakers Members

(Non-Silver Sneakers members fee is \$5.00 per class)

Chess and Checker Club *Held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.*

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Deadline to register is January 2, 2015.

Fee: \$5.00 per night. Snacks will be provided. There will be tournaments and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

2015 BUS TRIPS

Registration forms
are available on the
Twp. website

www.westhanover.com

Trips are scheduled for all ages. **No refunds** unless trips are cancelled due to insufficient registration or cancellation is made **30 days/45 days prior to trip date**. All buses will depart from the West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation building parking lot. Our trip fees do not include gratuity for the bus driver. A \$2.00 gratuity per person is suggested and collected on each trip. Seating is first come, first served and seats are retained throughout the trip.

To register or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at **717-724-0083**.

Atlantic City Winter Escape

Date: Monday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 21

Fee: Single, \$250pp, Double, \$176pp, Triple, \$163pp, Quad \$159pp

Trip Includes: Transportation, 2 nights lodging, 2 buffets, \$5 meal credit, \$25 in slot play, baggage handling and taxes.

NYC Valentine Weekend Escape:

Date: Sat., Feb. 14 - Sun. Feb. 15

Fee: Single, \$331pp, Double \$225, Triple \$215pp, Quad \$210pp

Trip Includes: Deluxe transportation, one night lodging, breakfast, taxes and baggage handling.

The Philadelphia Flower Show:

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Fee: Res. \$84pp/Non-Res. \$90pp

Trip Includes: Transportation, gardening tidbits by the Patriot News garden writer George Weigel, tour escort, flower show admission and taxes.

Killington "A Winter Getaway"

Date: March 12-15

Fee: Double \$475pp, Triple \$415pp, Quad \$395pp

Trip Includes: Transportation, 2 nights lodging, 2 buffet breakfasts, 2-day lift ticket, ski shuttle, luggage tags and taxes.

NYC Broadway Show "Wicked"

Date: Wednesday, April 15

Fee: Res. \$155pp/Non-res. \$160pp

Trip Includes: Transportation, Orchestra seating, Macy's coupon, map and taxes.



West Hanover Township Senior Center 628 Walnut Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17112 12 Noon - 2:30 PM Third Thursday of each Month

Come out and enjoy meeting new people. Enjoy great entertainment and food. The cost depends on the meal (see below for cost). The meal will be served at 12:00 Noon.

January 15 - Ham, Green Beans and Potatoes, Butter Bread, Applesauce and Drinks.
\$5.00 Guest Speaker- Madeline Cook.

February 19 - Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Dessert and Drinks.
\$5.00 Entertainment: Ed Kaminsky and his accordion

March 19 - Homemade Chicken Corn Soup and BBQ Sandwich, Dessert and Drinks.
\$5.00 Guest Speaker - Helen Szollosy (Laughter Wellness)

If joining us for the meal you must pre-register by the Friday before the meal.

To register call (717) 724-0083





West Hanover Township Parks and Recreation Presents: 2015 Winter Movies in the Recreation Center (628 Walnut Avenue)

Movies are held on the second Monday of January, February and March. Admission is **FREE**. Chairs will be available or you can bring your own chair or blanket. Refreshments (Hotdogs, Nachos and Cheese, Candy, Drinks, Popcorn and much more) will be available for purchase.

January 12: How to Train Your Dragon 2



February 9: Muppets Most Wanted



March 9: Maleficent



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Preparing for Winter Storms by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

Many people plan to stock up on supplies in case of a winter storm power outage, but other commitments and a sudden storm could put a halt to last minute preparations. In addition, stores often sell out of essentials quickly once an impending storm hits the media, as seen frequently when a hurricane is approaching. Fall months in Pennsylvania tend to have less severe weather, making it the perfect time to get prepared for winter. Here's an idea of what to have on hand to be as comfortable and safe as possible during a winter storm:

- Water - one gallon per person, per day
- Food - a 3-day supply of non-perishable food
- Flashlight 
- Extra Batteries
- First Aid Kit
- 7 - day supply of medications
- Sand, rock salt, or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways less slippery
- Warm clothing and blankets
- Multi - purpose tool
- Sanitation/personal hygiene items 
- Extra baby supplies
- Extra pet supplies
- Candles
- Important documents (ID, medical records, social security records, emergency contact, etc.)

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2015 Public Forums

These are the public forums on our agenda for the calendar year 2015. Dates and times will follow in future newsletters.

- Do's and Don'ts of Designing and Maintaining Rain Gardens and Bio Retention Ponds
- Stormwater and MS4
- Park and Ride at the Recreation Center: Public Transportation
- Local Police Forum

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Fire Company News - by Kyle Miller, President

Happy Holidays from your 100% volunteer West Hanover Township Fire Company No.1. Wow! The year has flown by and with 2015 just around the corner the members are gearing up for the cooler temperatures and the winter weather.

Remember to change out your smoke detector batteries, keep your live Christmas trees properly watered and pay special attention to candles and be cautious if you use wood or space heaters to help heat your home on those cold days.

Hopefully you have received our annual fund drive mailer. Please consider contributing to help offset our expenses. Any donation is greatly beneficial to us and always greatly appreciated. The drive continues to be a success and we appreciate your contributions as they further our capabilities for providing fire services.

Once again, our Fall Harvest and Haunted Hayride event was a success!

Through the many hard working volunteers that gave up their free time to help us coordinate such an event and all of our supporters, we were able to provide 4 nights of family oriented Halloween fun in our community. We could not be more appreciative of everyone who helped and all of the participants that were able to come out and enjoy the festivities.

We are always looking for volunteers and new members to join your West Hanover Township Fire Company. Please check the Fire Company website at www.westhanoverfire.com, call or visit one of our stations for additional information or to fill out a membership application.



Dauphin County Heroes Grove—Remembering our Heroes

Heroes come from all walks of life: Military, Police, Firefighters, Moms, Dads, Scout Leaders, Scouts, Teachers, and everyone else. This is your chance to honor your hero. Residents of Dauphin county nominating other residents of Dauphin county who they believe changed someone's life. This recognition is awarded monthly to those who are committed to our community and country; those who demonstrate a high level of job performance and service to our country and/or community. Nominations are reviewed and judged by committee members of Dauphin County Heroes Grove and are presented and recognized on a monthly basis. Nominations may be submitted on an on-going basis. All qualified nominations received prior to set committee meetings will be considered. Decisions by set committee will be final. Nominations and attachments will become property of the committee.

For more information, please call 717 236-5040 or visit www.heroesgrove.org for a nomination form.

Have a friend, family member or someone you know serving in a war zone? **Contact Lorraine Schaeffer at (717) 566-2013** to have a care package full of hygiene products, snacks and calling cards sent to the soldier.



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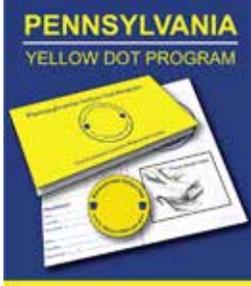
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PennDOT Yellow Dot Program by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

The Yellow Dot Program created by PennDOT, allows drivers to share written medical and personal information with first responders in the event of an emergency.



Participants place a PennDOT provided Yellow Dot decal to the lower left corner of the rear window of their vehicles. This sticker alerts emergency responders to the availability of information to help provide care to crash victims. Participants must also complete an official Yellow Dot form, which contains information including medical conditions, prescriptions and emergency contact. The form also provides a space to attach a small photo of the participant and should be kept in the vehicle's glove compartment in an official program folder.

To participate, a free Yellow Dot starter kit can be requested at: www.YellowDot.pa.gov or by calling 717-787-6746.



What You Don't Know Could Be Costing You Money by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

In most cases, energy efficiency is about doing small things that add up to make a difference.

For instance a crack as small as 1/16 of an inch around a window frame can let as much cold air into your home as having the window open three inches. Caulk that gap shut and you've solved a problem, and saved energy and money.

The Federal Government estimates more that \$13 Billion worth of energy leaks from houses through small holes and cracks in homes each year!

A water faucet that leaks one drop per second, wastes 165 gallons a month. That's more than one person uses in two weeks, according to Federal Government statistics.

There are numerous websites that offer great tips on energy efficiency, including www.energy.gov. The examples are many. If everyone in your household pulled together, you could save energy and money, plus reduce your carbon footprint.

Here is one more energy fact. Across the U.S., home refrigerators use the electricity of 25 large power plants each year, a pretty chilling story, don't you think!

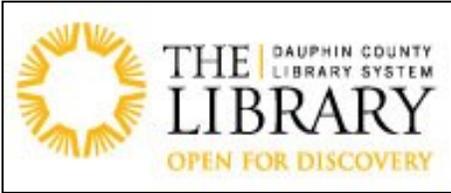
A Short Story by Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman

The other day a friend and I were talking about a methamphetamine lab that was discovered in the area and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young. I was drug to church on Sundays. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I used profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in my mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop firewood, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin and if today's children had this kind of a drug problem, America would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us.



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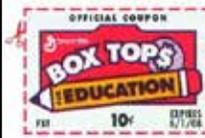
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To register your card, visit www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and choose "Register Your Card" from the For Customers section. Please be sure to register **West Hanover Elementary** using ID # **01283**. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

West Hanover Elementary School also participates in two nationwide fundraising programs: Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. Simply check a product for the coupons as pictured below before you throw it out. Your collections can be placed in a Ziploc baggie and dropped off in the collection bin located in the front entrance of the West Hanover Township administrative building. Please contact Ashley Shirk at shirkfamily2008@gmail.com with questions.



Labels for Education can be found on Campbell's, Swanson, Post cereals, Pepperidge Farms, Dannon, Pop Secret, and many more.

Recycling Fluorescent Tubes, Bulbs, and CFLs

Fluorescent tubes and bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury and should not be placed in curbside recycling or trash.

Fluorescent Tubes: Schaedler Yesco, Harrisburg, PA 1-800-998-1621 or 717-233-1621. Schaedler Yesco has prepaid recycling kits for fluorescent tubes, lamps, ballasts and fixtures.

CFLs: West Hanover Township Compost Center at 402 N. Fairville Avenue provides a container for recycling **CFLs only**.

NOTE: West Hanover Township Compost Center and E-Cycling Center will not accept fluorescent tubes.

Comprehensive Plan Update by Elijah Yearick, DCPC

Since the public meeting in March, the Township has been considering several policy issues that needed to be discussed before being incorporated into the comprehensive plan update. Among these issues was the refinement of the designated growth area (DGA) to incorporate areas in close proximity to Route 39 as well as the possibility of extending water service to Holiday Park. The growth area expansion was discussed at a public meeting in May after which the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee decided to recommend the proposed expansion be incorporated into the plan. The offer of water service expansion arose after the Rec. Center's well was found to be contaminated. Since the Township is required to serve Houck Manor and Holiday

Park with sewer by 2021, they reached out to landowners to determine if there was interest to connect to public water as well. Ultimately, the majority of interested homeowners were in close proximity to the Rec. Center and as such it is unlikely that water will be run up Piketown Road in the near future. However, as part of the Comp Plan, the Township has agreed to consider water expansion to Holiday Park should landowners be interested in the future.

Both of these issues, as well as the other strategies proposed by the plan, were discussed at a public meeting on November 19.

Water and Sewer Authority Vacancy

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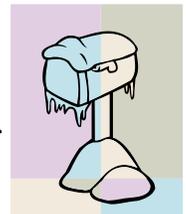
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Winter Preparedness Checklist for WHT Residents

It is time to prepare for winter. Snow thrown from plows can easily damage mailboxes and basketball hoops. Any mailbox or basketball hoop/backstop damage is the responsibility of the homeowner; if it is placed in the right-of-way.

- **Fire Hydrants:** Please shovel out around fire hydrants so that the fire company is able to access them if there is a situation that requires their use.
- **Basketball hoops/backstops:** Please move out of the right-of-way so the snow plows do not hit them.
- **Mailboxes:** Please place a 6"-8" piece of reflective tape on your mailbox so that the snow plow can see it at night. Remove snow from around the mailbox, but do not put the snow in the street. If your mailbox has been damaged in the past from snow removal during the winter months, you may want to reposition it before winter arrives. Your local post office has more information on how to correctly position a mailbox. PennDOT has information on cantilevered mailbox supports, which will swing a mailbox out of harm's way. Visit www.dot.state.pa for plans and support.



Wipers On, Headlights On—It's the Law by Jay Megonnell

When you are driving and the weather conditions force you to use your windshield wipers, you must also have your headlights on no matter what time of day. It's the law. This headlight law is also for active construction or work zones. This means full headlights and tail-lights, not just running lights. Please abide by this law or expect a ticket. It's the law.

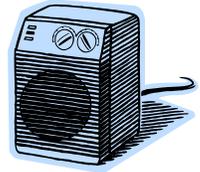


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- Do not use extension cords with space heaters unless absolutely necessary.
- Heaters should be placed on a flat level surface.
- If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer.
- When refueling, turn off the heater and let cool down completely before adding fuel. Wipe away any spills promptly.
- Never leave any space heater unattended.

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and poisonous gas that threatens a family's safety risk associated with using alternative methods of winter heating.

- Protect your home by purchasing and installing a CO alarm on every level of the home and outside sleeping areas.
- Protect the efficiency of CO alarms by testing monthly and replacing batteries at least once a year.
- Detect the source of CO by having a professional inspect and fix the problem after a CO alarm sounds.
- Detect CO by watching for symptoms of gas poisoning including headache, dizziness, and other flu like symptoms. Call the fire department and seek medical attention.

Smoke Detectors

- Install smoke detectors in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping level and on every level in the home.
- Test alarms at least monthly.
- Replace batteries once a year. If an alarm "chirps" warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.



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- * **Movies in the Recreation Center** (628 Walnut Avenue) will be held on the second Monday of each month starting in January, 2015. The movies begin at 6:30 PM. (see page 11 for more details) refreshments will be available.
- * **The West Hanover Township Senior Center** will be open the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM . To register call 724-0083. (see page 10 for more details)
- * **Activity Night at the Recreation Center** - Thursday evening, January 15, and February 19, 2015 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. This is a free night however, everyone must pre-register at (717) 724-0083.
- * **The 14th Annual Spring Craft Fair** will be held on March 14, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Call (717) 724-0083 for more information.

